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United Unofficial Criticism of Proposal to Abandon Special Sterling Conversion Rate.

LABOUR PARTY BITTERNESS.

ELECTION VITUPERATION.

TORY DIE-HARDS REBUKED.

London, Oct. 21. The minutes of no British Cabinet meeting have ever been so fully revealed as those of the Labour Government at the fatal session immediately preceding resignation, thanks to the campaign of vituperation now proceeding between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Snowden, Mr. J. H. Thomas and their former Ministerial colleagues.

Mr. William Graham, who was President of the Board of Trade in the Labour Administration, in a broadcast speech last night, three times charged the Prime Minister and the Mr. Graham, Chancellor of the Exchequer with "deliberate lying."

Mr. Snowden, to-night, in a statement to the Press, denounced Mr. Graham for "several grossly inaccurate statements."

Meanwhile, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has done his best to heal the rift which threatened in the National Government late in consequence of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's remarkable Protection speech at Birmingham.

The Prime Minister is now making a short tour outside his own constituency. Yesterday he spoke in support of his son, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the National Labour candidate for Basildon, and tomorrow he will speak in Derby for Mr. J. H. Thomas. He is saving time by flying whenever the weather conditions permit.

Interviewed to-day the Premier referring to the issues raised in course of the Chamberlain campaign, other than those laid down in his manifesto, said:

"I want to make it quite clear that the appeal which is being made in for a National Government and whatever the predominant political party in that National Government may be, it still remains National and not party, and no party will have the right to forget its origin and the appeal upon which it was elected, and to turn round in the House of Commons and say—whether Labour or Liberal or Conservatives—we are going to pursue our own policy, irrespective of the colleagues with whose co-operation the election was fought on National issue."

"I believe in the honour of my colleagues of all parties," added Mr. MacDonald. "Until the crisis is settled they will not turn a National majority into a party one."

"Dark Designs."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's rejoinder followed also upon allegations from numerous Free Trade platforms that the Conservatives are harbouring dark designs to secure an independent majority through the Nationalist label, and then cast their Liberal and Labour associates in order to introduce full-blooded Protection.

Mr. Baldwin's Word.

The Prime Minister said that the action of the Labour opposition and the most unfortunate intervention of Mr. Lloyd George had brought such a possibility nearer than would otherwise have been the case, but when Mr. Baldwin told him that they were going to work out a "gentlemen's agreement" he was willing to take Mr. Baldwin's word.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

TO-DAY'S KEEN DEBATE ON COLONY'S BUDGET.

GOVERNMENT'S JUSTIFICATION CHALLENGED.

AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE.

TAXABLE CAPACITY POINT.

UNITED, unofficial condemnation of the proposal to convert the salaries of sterling-paid Government servants at the current rate of exchange as from January next, backed up by a demand for an all-round reduction of ten per cent. in basic rates of sterling pay, formed bright features of the debate on the Colony's Budget, resumed in Legislative Council this afternoon.

It was argued by the Hon. Mr. Mackie, who was the chief Unofficial spokesman on the salaries issue, that the Colonial Secretary's submissions in support of the decision were not at all convincing, were, in fact, very misleading, particularly his references to commercial houses. Stress was laid on the fact that Civil Servants received a 15 per cent. increase when the Colony's finances were taking a definite turn for the worse, that the "compromise" arrangement for 1931 was regarded merely as an equitable readjustment, and that the abandonment of the compromise means reversion to an unduly favourable condition, having regard to the fact that the cost of living has not increased commensurately with the fall in the dollar.

Notice was given that a resolution giving effect to the Unofficial demand for a reduction of salaries would be moved as an amendment during the committee stage of the Budget Bill.

The salaries issue naturally caused other important matters raised by Unofficials to be thrust somewhat into the background, but the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell voiced strong views on the Government's road policy, the Hon. Mr. Shenton pleaded for retirement of Civil Servants on reaching the age-limit, and the Hon. Mr. Braga submitted Kowloon's claims for improvement of public amenities.

COLONY STINTED OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow undertook the duty of presenting the joint views of the Unofficial members of the Council, and, at the outset, tendered to H. E. the Governor their congratulations upon his ability to produce a balanced Budget, one which was undoubtedly one of the most difficult that a Governor of this Colony had been called upon to prepare.

After expressing the public's regret that the expected surplus of about \$50,000 had been achieved only by stinting the Colony of very necessary public works, and by a seemingly unending series of fresh taxes which had hardly left a single item of licences and fees untouched, the speaker declared that "the Colony's taxable capacity has now reached a point where any additional imposts will assuredly have adverse effects on trade and the economic life of the Colony."

The Unofficial members, however, realised that, in order to enable the Government to balance the Budget, fresh imposts in one form or another were inevitable, and they considered that, on the whole, the form adopted was better than a further increase in Assessed Taxes.

Petrol Tax Anomaly.

Dealing with the increase in the petrol tax, Sir Shouson Chow, after pointing out that petrol was now a necessity rather than a luxury, drew attention to the fact that in many countries where this tax is levied, the receipts derived therefrom are employed for the maintenance of roads, whereas in Hongkong the Government, simultaneously with imposing the tax, decided to reduce the votes for the maintenance of roads and bridges in the city from \$100,000 to \$80,000, and outside the city from \$120,000 to \$80,000. This was a step which, in the words of the Colonial Secretary, "will mean a lowering of the high standard at which the Colony's roads have hitherto been maintained."

Salary Scheme Protest.

Continuing, Sir Shouson Chow

remarked: "What has been the prime cause of such economy exercised at the expense of efficiency? The answer is the enormous cost of administration that has been occasioned by the general increase of salaries sanctioned by the Government in this Council a year ago when the financial condition of the Colony was just beginning to take a turn for the worse."

"The public was therefore amazed to hear that in spite of the present state of affairs, the Secretary of State for the Colonies had directed that sterling salaries should, as from the 1st January next, be converted at current rate of exchange, with the proviso that for the present payment should not be made at more than \$20 to the pound sterling."

"The Unofficial members protest in most emphatic terms against this decision."

"It will be within the recollection of all that during the debate on the Budget last year Your Excellency agreed to the 'compromise' suggested by the Hon. Mr. Paul Laufer of paying half the salary of sterling-paid officers at the rate of 1/6d to the dollar, and in so doing you said that the abnormal rate of exchange was 'perhaps unduly favourable to the sterling-paid officers.' The compromise was therefore in the nature of an equitable readjustment, if not an *amende honorable*, after the Government had forced its salary scheme through the Legislative Council by means of the official vote."

Cannot Afford It.

"Now, the Secretary of State has given his decision contrary to Your Excellency's advice, and we fear that any protest from us would be futile. But the decision amounts to a reversion to what Your Excellency has admitted to be an unduly favourable condition; it means additional expenditure. What it will actually cost to the Colony we do not know."

everything must depend upon the movement of exchange, but whatever the cost, the Colony cannot afford it."

"In spite of the ruthless curtailment of necessary public works, in spite of a considerable number of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission having, according to the Hon. Colonial Secretary, already been acted upon, the estimated expenditure for next year shows the staggering increase of \$4,193,806 over the approved estimates for 1931, and of \$2,829,161 over the revised estimates for the same year, without taking into account the \$1,000,000 for the Naval Arsenal, to be financed out of surplus balances. These figures reveal a state of affairs which does not go to support the Hon. Colonial Secretary's contention that 'we can afford to pay these salaries.'"

Retrenchments Nugatory.

"We are unable to ascertain from the draft Estimates the total amount of savings in personal emoluments that have been effected by the adoption of the Retrenchment Commission's recommendations, but it is conceivable that such savings would be more than counterbalanced by the increase entailed by the conversion of sterling salaries at current rate of exchange. This being the case, the retrenchments so far effected would be rendered nugatory. It would also mean dispensing with the services of a large number of less well paid men in order further to improve the lot of sterling-paid officers who are by no means niggardly treated."

"The estimated total expenditure for next year, excluding Military Contribution and Public Works Extraordinary, is \$25,441,649, of which \$13,809,382 or 54.28 per cent. is for personal emoluments. It is true that these high figures are due to the Budget dollar, none the less they are phenomenally high, whatever the cause, and it behooves us to

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Sir Shouson Chow, who made the principal speech for the Unofficials in Council this afternoon, and led the attack on the salaries issue.

Momentous Washington Meeting.

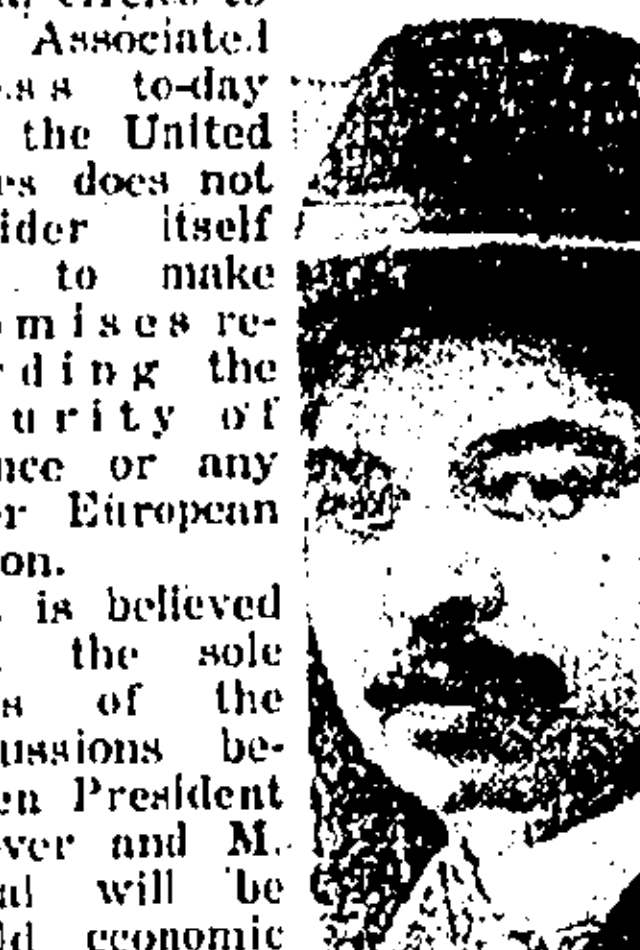
FRANCE, U.S. AND WORLD CRISIS.

Washington, Oct. 21. The possibility that results of immense importance to the sponsors of measures to bring an end to the world economic crisis will emerge from the forthcoming conversations between President Hoover and M. Pierre Laval, Premier of France, is the subject of considerable comment here.

M. Laval arrives in New York to-night and will proceed almost immediately to Washington.

Test there should be any misunderstanding, it was declared by official circles to the Associated Press to-day that the United States does not consider itself able to make promises regarding the security of France or any other European nation.

It is believed that the sole basis of the discussions between President Hoover and M. Laval will be world economic restoration.



Special Responsibility.

It is stated that France and the United States, as holders of two-thirds of the world's monetary gold stocks, have positions of special responsibility and the leaders meeting in Washington are expected to give this full weight in the discussions.

The revision of war debts and reparations are bound to come into the forefront as is also the question of the burden of armaments.

French Viewpoint.

Le Temps, the famous Paris journal, declares in a leading article to-day that Franco-American co-operation in political, financial and economic domains remains entirely open.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE CURRENCY ADVOCATED.

BRITISH EXPERT'S SUGGESTION.

London, Oct. 22. The Imperial currency idea, received the support of Sir Basil Blackett, in the course of an address at a meeting of the London Rotary Club.

Sir Basil, who is an expert on currency, having served on numerous Missions, doubted the desirability of Britain returning to the gold standard unless and until the international conditions that played havoc with the working thereof have been overcome.

If, by sacrificing stability of exchange, Britain can be made

THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS AT GENEVA.

COUNCIL WEAKENS.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS are felt at Geneva regarding the Council's present attitude towards the Manchuria dispute. Present indications are that the Committee of Five will invite their colleagues to take the line of least resistance, ignoring China's demands for the immediate withdrawal of Japanese forces and again urging the parties to seek a settlement by direct negotiation.

Nothing has definitely been decided. The Committee is awaiting the Japanese Reply to recent communications and the tone may materially affect the issue. If, however, this is conciliatory, the opinion is that Japan will again be urged to expedite withdrawal as far as possible and to seek a settlement within a time limit to be set.

The Chinese delegates are very displeased with the outlook, but criticism is not by any means confined to Chinese circles.

A message from London this morning says that the anxiety, almost alarm, lest the Council should carry out its intention of virtually abdicating over the Manchurian dispute, is reflected in the London morning newspapers. The *News-Chronicle* appeals to M. Briand and Lord Reading to remain at Geneva and avert the threatened calamity to the League.

MAY ADJOURN WITH NOTHING DONE.

Geneva, Oct. 21.

The Chinese delegation to the League Council are getting impatient at the prolonged delay in offering a solution to their grievances against Japan.

Dr. Alfred Sze, the principal Chinese representative, called upon M. Briand this afternoon to ascertain the position reached and to emphasise that the Chinese are anxious for a speedy settlement.

All Dr. Sze was able to get out of M. Briand, however, was a statement to the effect that it appears the Council are still awaiting the Japanese Government's reply.

Chinese Demands.

The Chinese attitude is unchanged. Dr. Sze maintains the viewpoint of the Nanking Government that the Japanese must withdraw their troops to the railway zone and agree to pay an indemnity for Chinese losses as a result of the occupation, the amount of which shall be settled later, before commencing direct negotiations with Japan.

Serious Misgivings.

In the evening, it became apparent that a very serious view is taken regarding the present situation. League circles allege that the Council's special committee dealing with the Manchurian imbroglio is weakening in its treatment of the difficulty.

It is said that the committee is inclined to advise the Chinese to abandon their conditions for direct negotiations, namely, the previous withdrawal of the Japanese military forces and the presence of neutrals to supervise the evacuation.

The impression is that if the master of its own economic destiny, it would be worth considering a managed sterling currency, and also an Imperial currency, which, once successfully established, would soon attract countries outside the Empire.

The plan would, moreover, probably point the way to the re-establishment of a true international currency, serving the twin purposes of stable exchanges and stable prices.—*Reuter.*

League Council is prepared to proceed on these lines, overriding the Chinese claims, they will seemingly, at any rate, leave the Japanese to treat with the Chinese Government under the pressure of military occupation.

This feeling has produced a most deplorable effect in League circles.

It is feared that this policy, if persisted in, will have a most disastrous effect on the forthcoming disarmament conference and the League itself, which is faced with the most serious crisis it has ever experienced.

Japanese Optimism.

Contrasting with the pessimism prevailing at Geneva, *Reuter* was informed this evening that a more optimistic view prevails at the Japanese Embassy in London in regard to the Sino-Japanese dispute.

It was said there that there seems to be every sign of a settlement as both sides appear to have made up their minds to bring about an arrangement. Everyone, it was added, seems to be doing his best with this object in view.

Committee of Five Meet.

Later. At a momentous meeting of the Committee of Five (Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain) which lasted an hour and a half, it was decided to hold a public meeting of the Council to-morrow, at which it is believed a resolution will be submitted, which will not take the form which it was thought possible when the Council met a week ago.

It was then the general opinion that the Council would take a strong line. To-day, the impression is that Japan's strong line has caused a lack of determination.

It is said that the resolution to be submitted at to-morrow's meeting will merely urge Japan and China to find a mutual settlement of their difficulties within a period which will, most probably, be dictated by some date set for the next meeting of the Council, which it is understood, will be about the middle of November.

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THE MANCHURIA ISSUES.

NANKING INDIGNATION INDICATED.

REPLIES TO POWERS.

Tokyo, Oct. 21.
It is understood that Japan's replies to the Notes regarding her obligations under the Kellogg Pact are being despatched to-night, and state that Japan realises her obligations, and her actions from the outset were purely self-defensive.

She has no intention to resort to war; and emphasises that already she has declared her readiness to negotiate with a responsible Chinese representative.

She asks if the handful of Japanese troops outside the railway zone can be regarded as a means of enforcing terms; and reiterates that the anti-Japanese agitation in China is not spontaneous but enforced by high-handed organisations with the apparent acquiescence of the Chinese Government.

She charges China with violation of the letter as well as the spirit of Article Two of the Kellogg Pact.—*Reuter.*

China Replies.

Nanking, Oct. 21.
Replying to the Powers' Notes regarding her obligations under the Kellogg Pact, the National Government declares that China has judiciously refrained from employing force to meet the Japanese military aggressions, and from the outset has been seeking a pacific settlement; therefore she has entrusted her case unreservedly to the League, and hopes the efforts being made at Geneva will be successful, as this will be conducive to the well-being not only of China but also of the whole world.—*Reuter.*

Replies Awaited.

Geneva, Oct. 21.
Reuter is informed by the Japanese delegation that instructions will be received from Tokyo during the course of the day.

Meanwhile, the five members of the Council forming the committee dealing with Manchuria, namely Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, assembled in M. Briand's room at 11 a.m. to review the position and examine possible steps, pending receipt of the replies.

Delegates Look Serious.

This morning's meeting lasted from 11.30 to 12.45, after which the delegates left M. Briand's hotel looking serious and pensive. They are maintaining the strictest secrecy. The only information given by one was that a meeting of the Council would probably be held to-morrow, but it was not divulged whether it would be public or private.

The Withdrawal Snag.

Later.
It is understood that Mr. Yoshizawa has received instructions from Tokyo to accept M. Briand's suggestion regarding the five points proposed by Japan. It is learned that M. Briand will surmount the difficulty of Japan's refusal to agree to a fixed date for completion of troop withdrawal by suspending the session of the

Council on Friday or Saturday resume in Paris in about three weeks' time, when the withdrawal should be completed.

Claims Reiterated.

A communication reiterating the Japanese claims, outlined in the five points, reaffirming that Japan has no territorial aims in Manchuria and detailing the vexations to which Japanese nationals and Koreans have been subject in past years in Manchuria, was made to the press this morning.

The moderate tone of the communication is welcomed as further evidence of Japan's desire for a pacific settlement, and opinion is generally hopeful.—*Reuter.*

Women's Message to League.

London, Oct. 21.
Women are becoming active in the interests of peace in Manchuria, following the receipt by the International Women's Suffrage Alliance of a message from three women's organisations in China, urging that all weight be applied to secure a restoration of the status quo.

Five international women's organisations with headquarters at Geneva have sent messages to the President of the Assembly and also to the Council stating that their forty million members demand that the conflict be settled peacefully.—*Reuter.*

Nanking Indignant.

Nanking, Oct. 21.
Officials and public alike are most indignant over the reported Japanese five demands, for China's recognition in principle before the troops can be withdrawn to the railway zone.

The unanimous comment is that Japan is presenting another "twenty-one demands."—*Reuter.*

Foreign Views.

London, Oct. 21.
When the Council is considering the withdrawal of Japanese troops within the zone authorised by treaty, it is obviously necessary to take into account the conditions in which the Japanese army has practically become a militarily equipped police force in a disordered part of China, where the control of the Chinese Government can exercise little or no



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effective authority.

This opinion is expressed by *The Times*, which declares that it is not desirable for all concerned that any of the million Japanese subjects in Manchuria should be exposed to the anger of an undisciplined populace, even though recent Japanese action has caused anti-Japanese exasperation.

Thorburn Case Recalled.

The Times recalls that in a dispute far less remote from Nanking, the Chinese Government failed to apprehend Thorburn's murderers or give satisfaction in the matter.

Japan has many grievances against Nanking for which she has failed to obtain redress. She

began the present phase of the dispute by putting herself in the wrong, thereby unnecessarily forfeiting international sympathy, but the latest news from Tokyo showing a reasonable and more conciliatory spirit together with the news from Geneva, encourages the hope that a peaceful solution is in sight.—*Reuter.*

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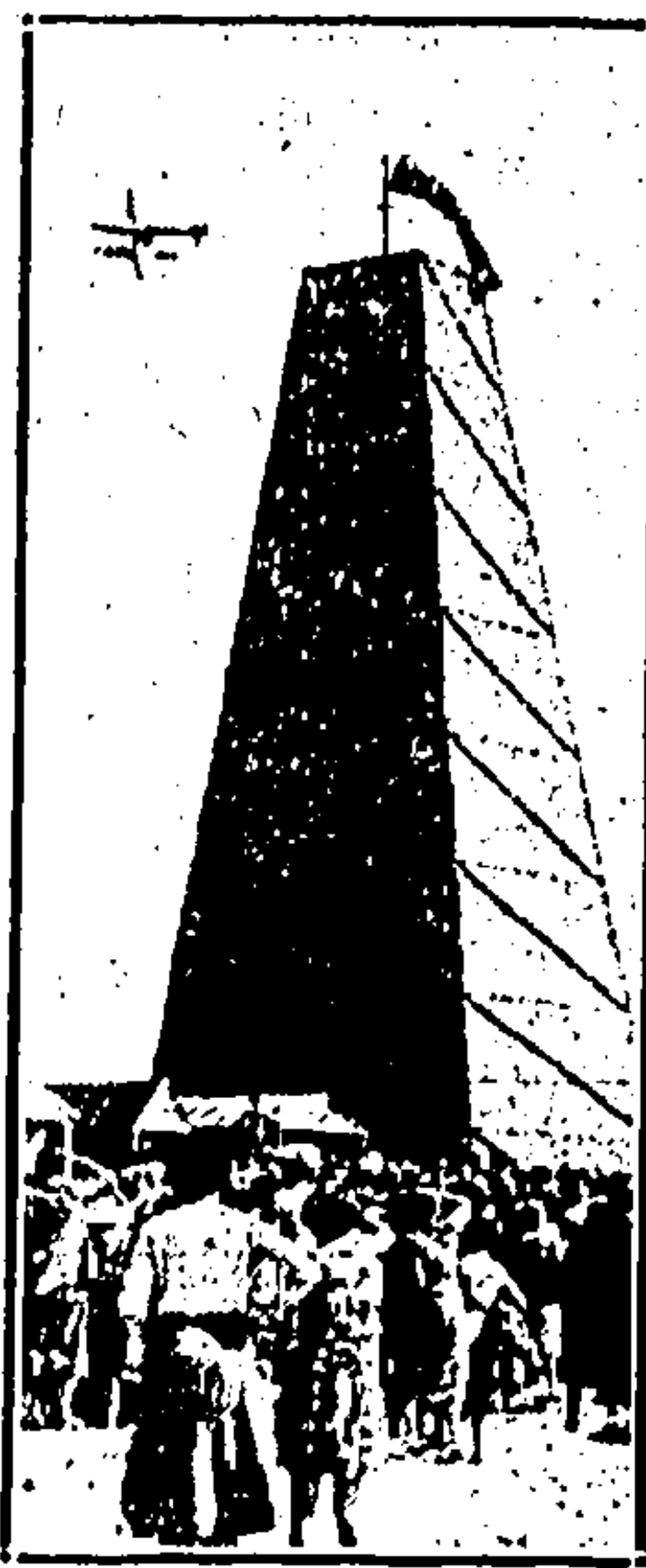


MUSSOLINI REVIEWS "TARS."



Proudly riding before the admiring eyes of Italy's student sailors, Signor Mussolini is shown here as he received the Fascist salute during a review of the naval and military cadets in Rome. Note the extreme youth of the cadets seen in this picture.

SPEED!



Lieut. N. N. Boothman is shown on the recording breaking flight at Calshot, which gave Britain permanent possession of the coveted Schneider trophy.

ARC DE TRIOMPHE IN NEW LIGHT.



Gloriously illuminated by a battery of flood lights, the famous Arc de Triomphe in Paris is shown above as it now appears at night. The lights, sunk in trenches, are covered with plates and invisible by day-time.

GUILTY LIPS

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Norma Kent, pretty, 20-year-old secretary in a law office, meets Mark Travers, attractive and wealthy, when neither they recognize a frightened puppy from the midst of downtown traffic. Norma refuses to tell the young man her name or where he can see her again. Later she joins Bob Farrell, young lawyer, for a dinner engagement. Farrell asks her to marry him and Norma says "No."

The scene of the story is Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. Norma takes the puppy to the shady apartment she shares with Christine Saunders. Norma fears Chris is falling in love with her married employer, Bradley Hart, proprietor of an advertising agency. Next day Norma inserts an advertisement about the puppy in the local and found column of the Marlboro Press. The first person to answer this advertisement is Mark Travers, who explains he has made every effort to learn Norma's identity. He tries to make a date but she declines his invitations. Travers, despite his telephone, his fine, his fine, his fine, and goes with her to a gay party concluding with a round of the silent slide.

The following evening Norma arrives home and finds Chris absent. A note explains she has gone to see Minnie Baker, bookkeeper at the advertising office, where Travers had been seriously injured. A small boy comes to claim the slipper and takes him home. Norma, the custodian, hands her slipper to Norma if she received an important telephone call that afternoon.

CHAPTER VII

Bessie's eyes widened. She showed surprise. "Why?" she went on. "I gave the man your telephone number at the office. I supposed of course he'd call you! He said—"

"Who did? who was it?"

"I don't know," Bessie shook her head. "He didn't give my name. I didn't think to ask. It was about 2 o'clock the phone rang three times before I got there and then a man asked for you. I told him you were at the office. He seemed awfully anxious to talk to you so I said I could give him the number down there. As soon as I told him what it was he hung up. Don't it seem funny he didn't try to call you? Maybe he did and you didn't get the message."

"That was about 2 o'clock?" Norma asked.

The other girl nodded.

"Oh, yes," Norma said casually. "I did get that message only I'd forgotten about it." She started up the stairs. "Well, good night, Bessie. I suppose you'll be glad to have your mother back?"

"Yes, Good night, Miss Kent." Bessie looked disappointed not to learn what the important telephone call had been but there was no way for her to prolong the conversation. Norma was already half way up the flight. Bessie returned to the rear apartment.

Norma continued her climb to the third floor. She was by no means as unconcerned as her voice had indicated. As a matter of fact both cheeks were burning. The colour was becoming and her eyes were bright. So that was how Mark Travers had learned where to find her. He certainly was persistent. Yes, he was more than that. He was attractive. Better looking than any young man Norma had ever accepted attentions from. Deliberately she had refused to recognize his good points. Deliberately she had told herself she must not show the slightest interest in a youth who drove a car like Travers, who beyond the faintest doubt lived in a world apart from her workaday existence.

She awoke to a morning of streaming golden sunlight and a certainty that something exciting was about to happen.

As usual she wore the grey suit but she put on her prettiest blouse. She spent all of five minutes coaxing the half-coloured waves into their most becoming outline. And there was certainly an added dash, a debonair tilt to the little black hat when 30 minutes after arising, Norma was on her way to the car line.

She was so sure something delightful would happen that day—and yet nothing did. At 10:30 when there was a lull in the morning rush of duties she put a call through to the Hart Advertising Agency and talked to Chris. She learned that Junior Baker was still a very sick child. His mother was with him. Chris had arranged to have a nurse care for the boy while his condition was so serious. Another 24 hours, the doctor said, would decide the battle between life and death.

The telephone on Norma's desk did not ring again until late afternoon. With quickly beating heart the girl took down the receiver. It was only Chris again saying she planned to spend the night at Minnie Baker's.

Then for a succession of days the girls saw little of each other. Chris stopped in at the apartment, filled a travelling bag and virtually moved to Minnie's drab quarters where the worn-out mother was only too glad to shift her burdens to stronger shoulders.

The day came when the doctor reported Junior would recover. Chris stayed with Minnie "to see that she took time to eat a square meal once in a while."

After two evenings spent in the apartment Norma found herself lonely. Bob Farrell called and she agreed to go with him to see the new Marion Davies movie. They had dinner together before the picture at their favourite eating place. Norma wondered if Bob were working too hard. He seemed tired, seldom looked at her directly but shrugged carelessly when she asked if anything were wrong.

He telephoned again the next evening. Norma had been home from the office less than half an hour when the call came. Bob announced that he had the use of a friend's car for the evening. Would she care to go for a drive?

"I'd love to!" she told him. "Good. Then I'll be around about 8:30."

It was not quite that late when she came down the stairs in answer to his ring. Norma was enveloped in a woolly tan polo coat, a brown beret pulled snugly over her head. "The best could not hide the gleaming gold of her hair, exposed in soft waves that framed her face. She wore brown pumps and, beneath the polo coat, a brown frock."

Admiration shone in Bob Farrell's eyes. All he said was, "Good thing you put on that coat. It's going to be cool driving."

They went outside and Bob helped her into the car. It was a shining, newly painted coupe of inexpensive make. Not this year's model. The new paint was evidently a rejuvenation measure.

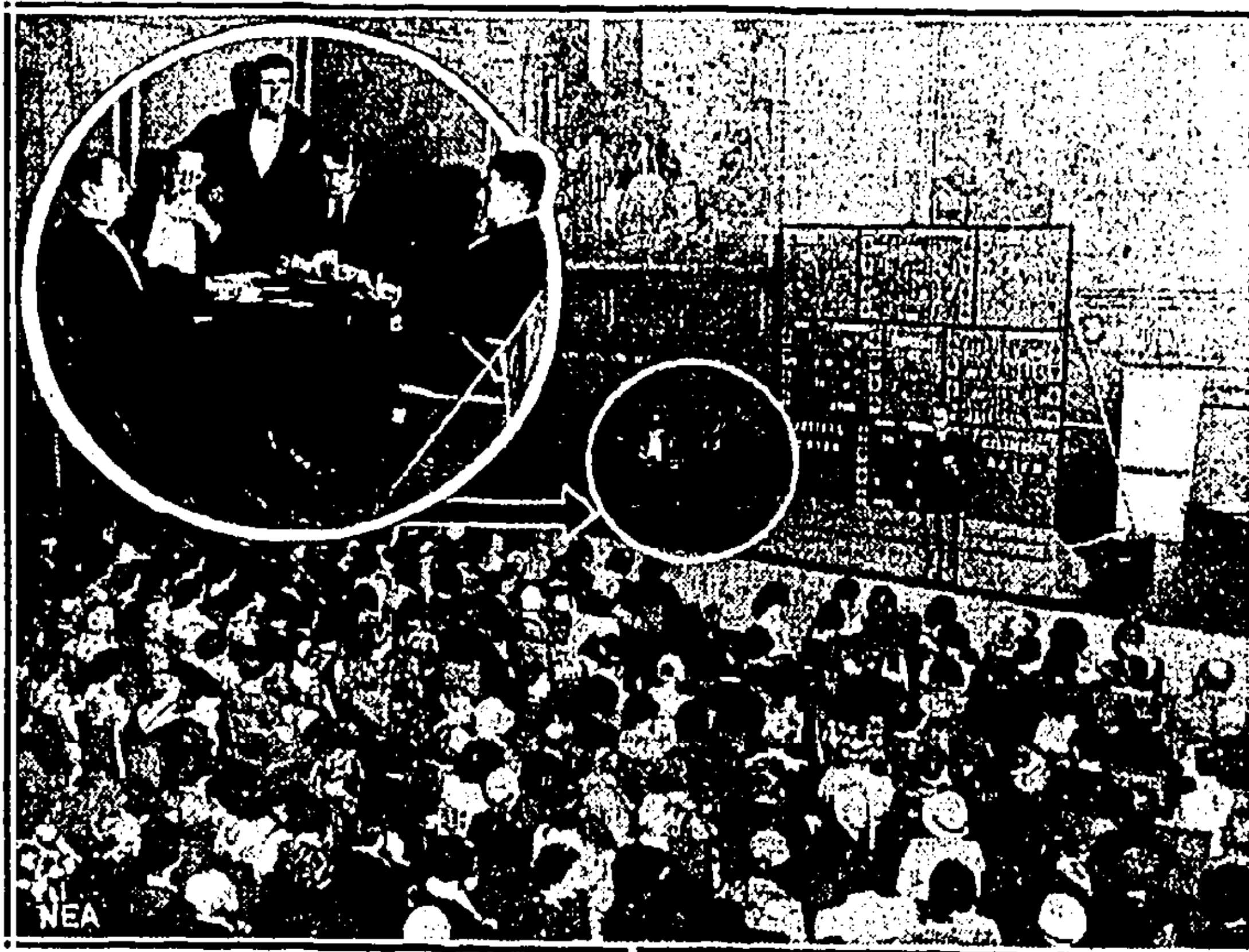
"Where'd you get it?" Norma asked.

The chariot? Oh, it belongs to Ted Roberts. He's out of town for a couple of days. Said I could take his pet out and exercise it while he's gone. Some chariot, isn't it?"

The girl agreed that it was. She knew who Ted Roberts was though she had never met him. Roberts lived at the house where Bob stayed. He worked for an engineering firm.

Bob started the motor and with a jolt they moved forward. The chariot—Bob told her this was the vehicle's official name—proved to be a good traveller. They were heading away from downtown traffic.

"Where would you like to go?" Farrell asked.



Bridge on a grand scale, with 1200 persons watching—was a recent event in New York. A score board showed each player's cards and how he played them. Inset are the players.



This picture of sea-going boats hurled ashore amid the splintered wreckage of buildings gives graphic evidence of the fury of the hurricane and tidal wave which devastated Belize, British Honduras. Many of the killed lost their lives when water twelve feet deep swept over them as they lay pinned beneath buildings blown down by the storm. Note the coastal ship in the foreground, which was tossed more than 200 yards away from the shore.

Anywhere. It doesn't matter." "Like to drive through Washington park and take a run out on Crystal Creek highway?"

"That would be grand."

"Then we'll do it."

Neither cared to talk while they were on the city streets. Other vehicles, traffic regulations took Farrell's attention. Norma was content to lean back in her seat, letting the cool, crisp night breeze whip colour into her cheeks. It was mid-September. The first frost was still several weeks away but there was the unmistakable scent of fall in the air. Norma loved it. The breeze hinted of fallen leaves and bonfires. Of summer dying in the lap of rugged, hardy autumn. Hillsides a riot of gold and crimson colouring. Colder nights and the harvest moon. Days of chilly freshness.

Oh, yes, Norma loved the fall. All this was in her mind vaguely when she realized they had reached the park. Dancing rows of lights stretched ahead and twinkled at them from behind shrubbery and rolling hillsides as though a gigantic jewel case had been overturned on the black velvet of the night.

"It's beautiful!" the girl sighed. "Oh, Bob, isn't it beautiful?"

Farrell, less emotional, agreed. "Yep. Always liked this park."

The girl put a hand on his arm. "Drive around to that circle above the pavilion, won't you?" she urged. "I want to see how the city looks with all the lights on."

Bob nodded. The circle to which Norma referred was a show spot of Marlboro, providing a sweeping view of the entire business district and beyond that section of the metropolis known as East Marlboro. Bob brought the coupe up the winding hill, manoeuvred to a sheltered position and cut off the motor.

"There you are," he said with a wave toward the city below. "There's your fairland."

"That's exactly what it looks like!"

Both of them gazed in silence at the panorama. Towering skyscrapers and hideous commercial structures, gaudy, gigantic signs and street lights all were interwoven by the magic of the night into an electric fairland.

Usually there were half a dozen or more cars parked in the circle to enjoy this view. To-night there was only the borrowed coupe.

Norma turned from the scene below them to meet the eyes of the boy at her side. She knew what was to happen a full instant before it did yet seemed hopeless to prevent it. The girl felt herself swept into a tempestuous embrace, felt Farrell's kisses on her lips and cheek. It seemed a long, long time before she was able to pull herself away.

"Bob!" she cried indignantly. "Bob, how could you—"

"Don't say it!" he interrupted shortly. "Don't even try to tell me how big a fool I've been! I know it as well as you do. Better!"

He was fumbling with the mechanism to start the car. In another moment the coupe had backed and turned and they were driving away swiftly. Through the park the coupe flashed and out on the open road.

Farrell's eyes were on the pavement ahead. He seemed not to realize the girl was beside him. In the shimmering light of a cross-roads lamppost Norma caught a swift glimpse of a face that was set and white.

"Bob—" she cried, "where are you going?"

"You going?"

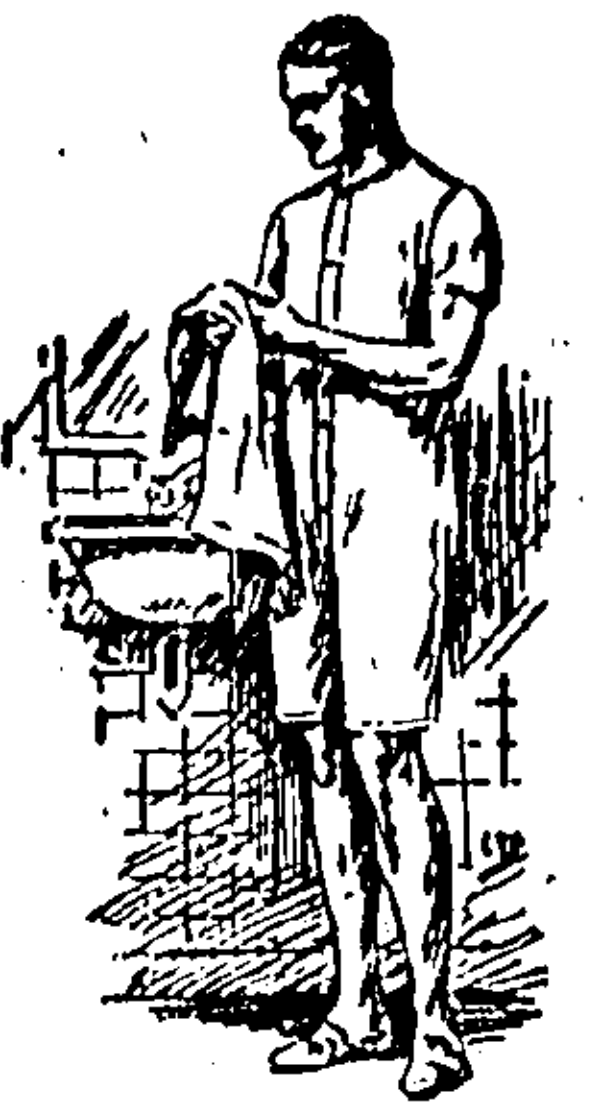
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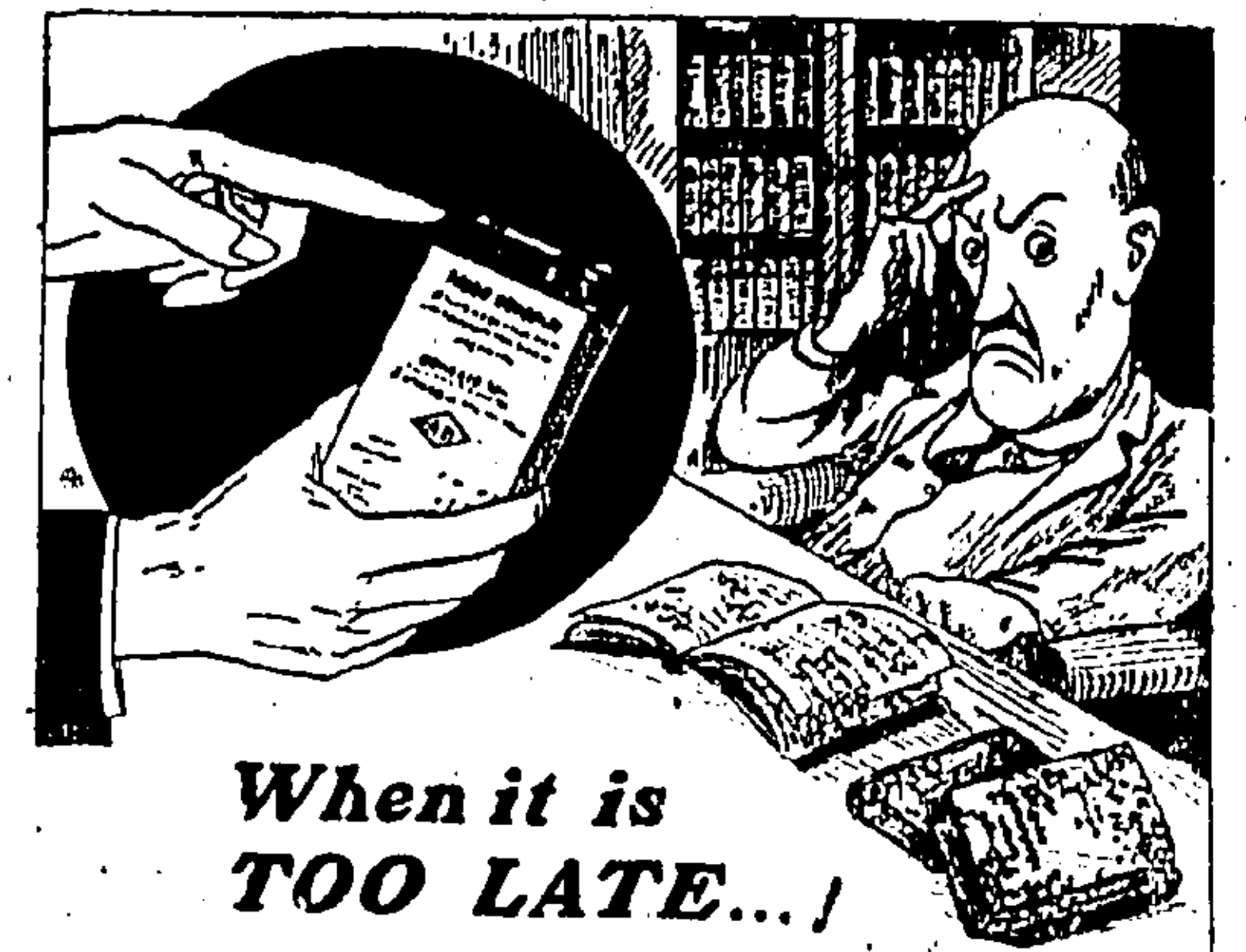
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500 shares Scrip. No.	14076-846242/341 &c. in n/o Yun Ching Chun,	100	14931-375420/469 &c. " " Chau Chik Nin,	100	14932-440891/990 " " —do—	100	17726-838257/356 " " —do—	100	17727-838457/606 &c. " " —do—	100	17728-838357/456 " " —do—
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THE SOY KUT BANK.

NOTICE.

The Feast of the "Kingship of Christ" and the Golden Jubilee establishment of the "Apostleship of Prayer" will take place at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, the 25th October, 1931.

MORNING SERVICE 8 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 4.30 p.m.

A Triduum will be held also at the above place at 5.30 p.m. on the three (3) days preceding the celebration.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Tenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 24th October, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box by 5 p.m. on the 23rd October. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hongkong, 19th October, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundaries	Measurements	Contents in square feet	Approx. Rental	Free Price
1	145	Cheung Sha Wan	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stubbs Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundaries	Measurements	Contents in square feet	Approx. Rental	Free Price
1	145	Stubbs Road	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan	As per plan

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A round-up of mendicants in Aberdeen resulted in the appearance of two elderly men before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, both defendants giving their age as 75.

Acting Sub-Inspector Cunningham informed his Worship that the mendicants in the district went from place to place begging for alms and were also a nuisance to private cars which went to the village. The first defendant was only recently married and he and his wife lived in an improvised hut up against the wall of the dock. The wife was also a beggar.

Remarking that both men were certainly too old to do any work, his Worship remanded them to see the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Salary Cuts.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Last night I was told that certain influential taipans of the Colony, including the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, propose to make an all-round cut in their own salaries and Directors' fees and in the salaries of the staffs of their various firms, on condition that Government servants will be similarly treated.

I must admit that this report does not sound true to me. I have recently arrived from the Old Country and there as here the Civil Servant is usually the only one to be called on to make sacrifices. But if there be any truth in the report it is to be hoped that no action will be taken in reducing the salaries of the staffs of our banks and business houses and of Civil Servants until it is known for certain that the sacrifice is to be a general one, from the top taipan to the most junior clerk, and is to be made on all earned income (salaries, Directors' fees, etc.). It is easy to propose sacrifices when they are to be made by the other guy.—Yours, etc., FAIRPLAY.

SILVER FUTURES.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Pountney and Co. have been advised by cable of the following quotations for New York silver futures as at the close of the market yesterday:

December 1931 30.00 down .50.

May 1932 31.00 down .75.

July 1932 31.40 down .70.

Twelve men and a woman were charged before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, nine of the men and the woman with the theft of two tons of coal from the B. & S. lighter Sciron at the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter, and the others with receiving stolen property. His Worship fixed next Thursday for the hearing, and granted bail of \$1,000 each.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

This morning further buying was in evidence at rates slightly better than those ruling yesterday.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1931.

**THE PASSPORT
MUDDLE.**

We were hoping that the agenda
for today's meeting of the Legis-
lative Council would have contain-
ed further questions in regard to
the Shanghai passport issue. The
matter has been left in such a
highly unsatisfactory state that
there is obvious need for further
pressure being brought to bear on
the Government, in order that the
intentions of the reciprocal ar-
rangement between the Hong-
kong and Shanghai authorities may
be put into effective operation.
When the question was last raised
in Council, the Government showed
itself to be totally unacquainted
with the actualities of the situa-
tion, being under the mistaken im-
pression that any resident of the
Colony can enter Shanghai with-
out having to comply with visa re-
quirements. This, as has been
clearly shown by the experiences
of recent visitors to Shanghai, as
well as by a statement issued by the
Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.,
is by no means the case.

According to the Hongkong
Government's interpretation of the
reciprocal arrangement, British
subjects who are not residents of
Hongkong are required to have
Chinese visas on their passports
in order to enter Shanghai, where-
as British residents of the Colony
can enter without a visa. So far as
the Government is aware, no dis-
tinction is made between British
residents born in the Colony and
British residents who merely live
here. However, the point having
been raised, local British residents
are informed that they can have
their passports endorsed with a
certificate of residence, if they so
desire. In putting forward this
suggestion, the Government doubt-
less imagined that a passport so
endorsed would entitle the holder
to enter Shanghai without a visa,
since the endorsement would clearly
show him to be a resident of the
Colony. Unhappily, no such en-
dorsement would be accepted by
the Shanghai authorities; so the

method suggested is altogether
valueless. This much is apparent
from the notification issued by
the Canadian Pacific Steam-
ships, Ltd., to the effect that the
Director of the Passport Bureau
in Shanghai has declared that
all persons holding passports
issued by the Hongkong Govern-
ment are subject to visa require-
ments, unless they were actually
born in Hongkong, and that, ac-
cordingly all such passengers on
arrival must obtain a visa at the
office of the Bureau, the fee for
which is ten gold francs. There
is nothing in the least degree am-
biguous in this declaration, but it
does run totally contrary to the
Hongkong Government's concep-
tion of the reciprocal arrangement.

In view of the continuous traf-
fic between Hongkong and Shang-
hai, the matter is one of consider-
able importance, especially to
business men. For this reason,
the Government should without de-
lay take up the issue with the
Shanghai authorities and get the
position thoroughly clarified. How
the misunderstanding has arisen,
we cannot imagine. Surely in any
reciprocal arrangement on a matter
of this kind every care would be
taken to see that the views of the
two parties coincide on the un-
derstanding reached. That they
do not is now all too clear. If
the Chinese contention is correct,
namely, that the concession merely
applies to Hongkong-born people,
the arrangement might as well
never have been made, since it
would affect but a very small pro-
portion of Hongkong residents
visiting Shanghai. The Hongkong
Government has obviously not so
regarded the arrangement, for
which reason it is essential that
the issue be reopened.

A Corner in Gold?

The gold holdings of the United
States recently passed the \$5,000,-
000,000 mark. This was over 45
per cent. of the world's total mon-
etary stocks. Shortly after
the new high mark was
set, America began to lose
large amounts, about \$500,-
000,000 moving out with astonish-
ing rapidity. Instead of welcom-
ing the development, the New York
Federal Reserve Bank clamped
an increased on the re-
discount rate in order to
safeguard the \$4,500,000,000 left.
Is the United States trying to
corner the metal on which the
world's money is based? How can
the United States trade with the
world's medium of exchange? Au-
thorities in Washington declare
that 40 per cent. has sought refuge
in the United States for safety's
sake, the inference being that when
conditions return to normal, that
portion of the gold will flow back
again. The explanation is far from
satisfactory. The particular rea-
son for the incoming of a shipload
of gold is as clouded in mystery as
the ultimate destination of a field
of wheat. Just as the wheat is not
segregated for disposal at home or
abroad, so the gold arrives in the
United States without bearing any
explanation as to why it has come.
All that one can say definitely is
that it is settling debts which re-
main unadjusted in any other way.
The debt may of course have
arisen by the transfer of capital
by persons who doubt its safety in
their own country. But these
transactions are lost in myriads of
other transactions which are final-
ly balanced by gold shipments.
Clearly a world on a gold standard
must keep the metal fairly evenly
distributed. How can this be
done when nations are all different
in their economic status? Hither-
to, reliance has been put upon the
thesis that the gold-receiving, or
creditor, nations would reinvest
their funds in the gold-
losing, or debtor, countries. But in the post-war world
this tendency has been either
in suspense or in faulty operation.
The gold flow was a one-way move-
ment—to the United States and to
France. In Latin America and in
central Europe, loss of gold caused
loss of confidence, which resulted
in further losses of gold. The gold
store in the United States is thus
explicable only along a casual
chain. The point has now been
reached where equilibrium cannot
be regained by recourse to the old

DAY BY DAY

WHEN A YOUNG WOMAN BEHAVES
TO HER PARENTS IN A MANNER
PARTICULARLY TENDER AND RES-
PECTFUL, I MEAN FROM PRINCIPAL
AS WELL AS NATURE, THERE IS
NOTHING GOOD AND GENTLE THAT
MAY NOT BE EXPECTED FROM HER IN
WHATEVER CONDITION SHE IS PLAC-
ED.—Fordyce.

There will be a Lecture at the
Hongkong Lodge, Theosophical So-
ciety, 7, Queen's Road Central, to-day
at 6 p.m.

The American Mail Line advise that
the s.s. President Cleveland will
arrive Hongkong on Saturday evening,
October 24th, and will sail from Hong-
kong for Manila on Sunday at 6 p.m.

An attractive programme has been
arranged for the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps Promenade Concert
which takes place to-morrow (Friday)
evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Mr. A. F. Paul, of the Hongkong
Electric Company's quarters at North
Point, has reported to the police that
some person stole a sum of \$120 from
his dressing table drawer some time
between last Friday and Wednesday.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced by Staff Sergeant
Sydney Henry Cheatham, R.A.O.C.,
and Miss Daisy Evelyn Walker, a
Queen's Army schoolmistress, who is
travelling to Hongkong on the T. S.
Neuralia.

Dr. William Yuen, who obtained his
qualifications in Hongkong and did
post graduate work in England, has
arrived in Ipoh to commence practice
there. He will be joined in his prac-
tice by his wife Dr. Hon Shy, who
also obtained her degree in Europe.

According to a report made to the
police, Nam Poo, aged 25, apparently
a mendicant, was admitted to the
Government Civil Hospital yesterday
suffering from the effects of opium
poisoning which are believed to have
been self-administered. His condition
is not serious.

Mr. Jubel Abe has been transferred to
the Kobe Office of the M.B.K. and
Mr. Nobusaburo Hirokawa has been
appointed Manager of the Hongkong
Office. Mr. Masuo Kawano, Mr.
Taizo Takahashi, and Mr. Yoshio
Hayasaka will continue to sign on the
firm's behalf as Assistant Managers.

Regarding the admission of school
groups to the China Exhibition at a
reduced charge of 20 cents per head,
applications have already been re-
ceived totalling 1,200 children. As
this is the maximum possible number
that can be admitted at the special
rate, no more applications can be con-
sidered.

The loss of a Colt revolver from
the s.s. Chin Hua has been reported
to the police by Mr. G. R. Gow, the
second officer, who intimated that the
weapon was handed to the Chinese
quartermaster to clean on October 14
and two days later the quartermaster
was dismissed at Swatow. He is
suspected of having taken the revolver
with him. The loss was not discover-
ed until the ship's arms were checked
on arrival in Hongkong.

expedients. Investment in some of
the gold-losing countries, for exam-
ple, is out of the question, at least
on the old basis. Because their
bonds are unsaleable among
American investors. The United
States should be trying now
to reverse the flow of
gold. Instead, a check is put on
immediately such a tendency ex-
hibits itself.



"I have it now—change your history hour to home
economics, drop French for painting and then we can have
our lunch hour together."

THE GOLD STANDARD versus BI-METALLISM.

By LORD GREENWAY.

The following article was writ-
ten a short time before the of-
ficial announcement that Great
Britain had temporarily aban-
doned the Gold Standard, it will
be seen, rightly assumed that
such abandonment was certain.

In a recent issue of the *Morning
Post* was published an
article under the heading
of "A Flight from the
Pound," purporting to portray the
evil results which would follow an
abandonment of the Gold Standard.

This article was evidently writ-
ten from the point of view of what
would happen in the event of an
issue of an unlimited amount of
paper currency unsupported by an
adequate gold reserve. From this
point of view the forecasts it gave
as to what would happen were more
or less correct, as was very amply
demonstrated a few years ago in
Germany, when the value of the
mark was allowed to fall away al-
most to vanishing point to the
great loss and distress of all classes
in that country. The writer of the
article rendered a great service in
thus bringing home the grave re-
sults which would follow if we are
driven off the Gold Standard on to
paper.

But it seems to me to be certain
that the small balance of trade in
our favour in 1930 will be changed
into a considerable adverse bal-
ance in the current year, mainly
owing to the fact that with the
present low prices many of the
debts due to us from overseas will
not be paid.

Therefore the Gold Standard ap-
pears to be doomed, in any case;
and the real question is, are we to
go on in paper, or are we to adopt
the French plan and stabilise the
pound at some point below its pre-
sent value, or are we to call in sil-
ver to relieve the pressure on gold
by reverting to the historic system
of Bi-Metallism?

The adoption of Bi-Metallism
would raise prices and enable debt-
ors to pay; and it would raise the
price of silver, and thereby in-
crease the purchasing power of the
population of the whole world. I
have been hoping that these and
other beneficial results of the adop-
tion of Bi-Metallism would have
been demonstrated by some abler
pen than mine, but since no one
else has undertaken the task, I ask
to be allowed to follow up the ar-
ticle by a statement of the great
advantages which would result if
the abandonment of the Gold Stan-
dard were carried out in this
manner.

Dealing first of all with the evils
forecasted in the article seriatim I
would point out that: 1, 2, and 3
would not occur at all, since an
essential of the adoption of Bi-
Metallism by this country is, as
was pointed out by Lord Hunsdon
in his recent able exposition of the
case, that some of the other prin-
cipal Gold Standard countries
should join in the movement.
For this country to adopt Bi-
Metallism without such co-opera-
tion would, of course, be just as
foolish as our maintenance of Free
Trade whilst the rest of the world
is on a Protection basis.)

4. Instead of there being a de-
cline in Government revenues there
must be a large increase.

5 and 6. The grave injuries and
hardships indicated would not be
incurred because:

(a) the recipients of the debt
and wage earners would be com-
pensated by the increased em-
ployment and the higher wages,
which would be brought about by
a general return to prosperity.

(b) the investors and other
classes referred to would suffer
no injustice, inasmuch as they
are at present, owing to the ap-
preciation in gold, enjoying an
advantage to which they are not
entitled, i.e. an "unearned in-
crement," to remove which, in
the case of owners of land, the
late Government passed their re-
cent Land Tax Bill.

The Chief causes of the world's
present financial and economic
troubles are, undoubtedly, as
shown by the Macmillan Commit-
tee Report:

(1) The low prices now obtain-
ing for raw commodities.

(2) The great fall in the value
of silver, and

(3) The consequent dimini-
shed purchasing power of the
whole world.

In the case of Australia alone
the fall last year in the National
Revenue due to the lower prices ob-
tained for her raw products, and
the consequent reduction in her
purchasing power, amounted, it is
stated, to £70,000,000, and, similar-
ly, the National Revenue and the
purchasing power of every other
country in the world have been cor-
respondingly affected.

These low prices are the direct
result of the appreciation which
has taken place in the value of gold
during the past few years as com-
pared with the production of other
commodities, for which it is at pre-
sent the sole medium of barter or
exchange in all the principal pur-
chasing countries.

The same position arose, al-
though in a much less acute de-
gree, about 50 years ago, when the
production of gold from Australia
largely decreased and caused a
heavy slump in the prices
of other commodities. To over-
come this the abandonment of the
Gold Standard and the adoption of
Bi-Metallism were then strongly
advocated, but the difficulty at that
time was solved by the sudden dis-
covery of large supplies of gold in
the Rand which rendered a change
of standard unnecessary for the
time being.

In recent years, however, there
has again been a serious falling off
in the world's production of gold,
coupled with a large increase in
the production of other commodi-
ties, and the need for the general
abandonment of the inefficient Gold
Standard has become more urgent
than ever it was.

Added to the falling off in the
production of gold, there has been
a large increase in the demand for
that metal due to the fact that dur-
ing this period many countries
which were formerly on a Silver
basis have adopted the Gold Stan-
dard, thereby rendering gold more
unsuitable than ever as the sole
medium for barter or exchange.
What the result will be if China
carries out her long desired inten-
tion of abandoning her Silver basis
it is not easy to imagine, but it
would certainly mean a further ap-
preciation in the purchasing value
of gold and a correspondingly fur-
ther lowering of prices for commo-
dities all over the world, and a
consequent accentuation of the pre-
sent economic difficulties.

To explain fully the beneficial
effects of the adoption of Bi-
Metallism would, I am afraid, take
up too much space, but, briefly,
they may be summarised as fol-
lows:

(1) It would restore, or par-
tially restore, the value of the
vast hoards of silver in India
and China (variously estimated
as amounting at cost to £2,500,-
000,000 to £5,000,000,000), and
correspondingly increase the
purchasing powers of those coun-
tries.

(2) It would increase the
prices of raw commodities all
over the world, and correspon-
dingly increase the purchasing
power of every country (includ-
ing England).

(3) This increased purchasing
power of the whole world would
solve, or go a long way towards
solving, the unemployment prob-
lem, which is to-day affecting
nearly every country, and is the
main cause of our present trou-
bles.

(4) By increasing the demand
for labour it would, to a great
extent solve the debt question,
and by doing away with the evil
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UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES IN KEEN BUDGET DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

exercise the strictest economy especially when the Colony is undergoing, to quote once more the Hon. Colonial Secretary, "considerable financial perturbation."

"In view of the facts I have mentioned, and in view also of the salary cuts that have been authorised in Great Britain and in colonies such as Ceylon and Singapore, we are of the opinion that it would be but fair that some reduction should be made in the salaries of sterling-paid officers in the Civil Service of Hongkong."

Unfair Contention.

Continuing, the hon. member said:—"The Hon. Colonial Secretary, when referring to the 'compromise', said that 'the Government does not consider it fair that one section only of the community should bear such a disproportionate share of the burden of balancing the Budget.' He also said that the example set by Government has not been generally followed by the business firms of the Colony; that though certain mercantile houses have found it necessary to reduce salaries they are not firms which should be taken as a barometer for the adjustment of Government salaries; and that other large business firms, so far as the Government is aware, have not found it necessary to curtail to any appreciable extent the dollar equivalent of their sterling salaries."

"We do not admit the fairness of the first contention for the reason as I have stated, that the compromise was merely an equitable readjustment. Nor can we leave unchallenged his statement concerning business houses."

Offsetting the Increase.

"The unofficials are sorry that they have to move for a reduction in the salaries of the sterling-paid officers, but they feel that they would be failing in their duty to the public which they represent, if they were to allow this further increase to personal emolument by the abandonment of the 'compromise' without proposing some measure to offset the increase."

"It is calculated that the difference between the Estimates framed on a 1/2 dollar and those on a 1/3 dollar, is about \$1,500,000. If the sum represented by this difference should ever materialise, it should, we suggest, be utilised for financing some of the urgently needed public works that have been postponed from year to year, such as a new Government Civil Hospital, Infectious Diseases Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum."

After referring to the Retrenchment Commission's report and asking that, when published, a statement should accompany it showing the savings that will be effected both in 1932 and ultimately, Sir Shouson Chow asked why the report of the Clegg Currency Mission had not been published, and when it would be. He then went on to refer in detail to individual items in the Estimates.

Uneconomical Method.

Speaking of a vote of \$3,100 for training expenses of a Government Marine Surveyor in England, he remarked:—"The system of training men after they have been engaged, in order to qualify them for their work, seems to us to be one that is open to condemnation, in that it is not only uneconomical but does not conduce to efficiency. In future we trust that only properly qualified men will be engaged."

Sir Shouson Chow urged that the work of recasting and consolidating the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance should be expedited, and, in dealing with the subject of Public Works Extraordinary said the Unofficial members desired to mention that comments and criticisms had been expressed on the terms and conditions attached to the notification calling for tenders for the passenger and vehicles ferry, and trusted that, in the interests of the Colony, the Government would give due weight to any representations it may receive on the subject.

After expressing the congratulations of the Unofficial members to H. E. the Governor for preserving cordial relations with Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Sir Shouson Chow concluded by assuring His Excellency of their loyal and wholehearted support of any measures which he might deem it necessary to adopt for maintaining peace and order in these times of unrest and anxiety.

STERLING SALARIES.

Mr. Mackie Urges Ten Per Cent. Cut.

The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, devoted the greater part of his speech to the sterling salary question, intimating that all the Unofficial members were in entire agreement with him.

"Before dealing with this question, however, he mentioned as a matter of urgent attention the re-survey of the harbour, so that the long overdue work of dredging could be taken in hand without further delay. He mentioned the new wharf which the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. is erecting at a cost of over a million dollars, and observed that it would not be available for big modern liners until a channel is dredged. This work, he maintained, is essentially a work which should be carried out by and at the expense of the Government, whose duty it is to provide access to berths for all steamers trading to this port."

Public Feeling.

Continuing his speech, Mr. Mackie said:—"Turning to the question of sterling salaries, to which reference has already been made, that is a subject which—if judged by what one reads and hears—is arousing stronger public feeling than any other matter raised in connexion with the Estimates for 1932."

"The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in his able general survey in introducing the Budget unfortunately when dealing with salaries drew a picture describing the sacrifices the sterling paid Civil Servants had been called upon to bear in the burden of balancing the Budget as compared with the employees of the business concerns of the Colony."

"His statements were not at all convincing and were, in fact, very misleading, as, I may state, almost without exception, the entire business and professional community has been very severely hit by bad trade and the drop in exchange."

Business Firms' Cuts.

"I have sent to your Excellency confidentially figures which show that many of the large industrial concerns and business houses have, apart from paying sterling salaries at a fixed rate of exchange, made definite cuts in pay. In addition overheads have been reduced by a reduction in staff. According to the Government proposal, salaries of Civil Servants will as from 1st January next be paid at Treasury rate of exchange, notwithstanding that, on the recommendation of the Salaries Commission, they were recently increased by 15 per cent."

"This means, according to the figures kindly supplied by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, that an additional tax on the resources of the Colony of approximately one million dollars will be levied next year. When this question of salaries was debated last year, thanks to the good offices of your Excellency a compromise was reached, although in the opinion of the Unofficials, that arrangement was still too favourable to the Civil Servants. The matter would then no doubt have been finally disposed of but for the fact that certain members of the Civil Service forwarded a petition to the Secretary of State, pressing for payment of full salaries at current rate."

Can't Have Cake and Eat It.

"Logically it may be argued that employees on sterling salaries are entitled to be paid in local currency at Treasury rate of exchange and I feel that there would really be no strong argument against that were it not for the fact that these same employees were paid at a preferential rate when the dollar was standing much above what it is today and when it was vastly to their benefit to break away from the actual terms of their contract. One can't both have one's cake and eat it."

"The cost of living has admittedly not gone up to the same extent that exchange has fallen and anyone fortunate enough to be drawing his sterling pay at current exchange is infinitely better off than he could reasonably expect to be."

"Government Servants at Home, in Ceylon, the Straits and other places have all had their salaries cut and it is only fitting that the Civil Servants of this Colony should shoulder their fair share of the burden occasioned by the present world wide depression instead of increasing the levy on the already sorely-hit taxpayer, and incidentally finding themselves better off than they have ever been at any time during their service."

Unanimous Decision.

"Full consideration to this subject has been given at meetings of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and China Association and of Unofficial Members of this Council. The decision unanimously adopted was that as the Secretary of State for the Colonies has definitely decided that sterling salaries are to be paid at Treasury rate of exchange as from 1st January next, notwithstanding that the present basis of payment is acceptable to the Official as well as the Unofficial Members of this

Council, full justice would be done both to the Civil Servant and to the taxpayer if salaries are reduced by 10 per cent. before conversion into dollars. I shall therefore in due course, move the following amendment to Section Two of the proposed Bill:

"That a sum not exceeding \$25,708,257 in place of the sum of \$26,641,787 shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1932."

MR. SHENTON'S VIEWS.

Plan for Retirements at Fifty-Five.

In the absence of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, his speech was read by the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso. After commencing with the Director of Public Works in that so many of his cherished toys had been taken from his shop window and placed on the obscure shelves of the future, Mr. Shenton hoped that the economies on road maintenance were not too drastic, and went on to suggest that Unofficials might sit with the Government Estimates Committee in order to acquaint themselves with the reasons put forward by various Departments in justification of their applications.

Mr. Shenton then proceeded to draw attention to Ordinance No. 2 of 1932 under which the Governor-in-Council can, with the approval of the Secretary of State, dispense with the service of any Government servant at any time after he has attained the age of 55. He expressed the view that when Civil Servants reach that age, except in exceptional cases, the time had arrived for their retirement on pension.

Chance for Younger Men.

"Besides keeping the service in a state of high efficiency, it ensures a continual stream of younger men into the responsible positions. Instead of, as often happens, responsibility does not come until the recipient is already too far advanced into the groove of his predecessor."

After suggesting the desirability of having a liaison officer or officers between Hongkong and Canton, by an interchange of officers between the Hongkong Government and the British Consulate in Canton, Mr. Shenton expressed the apprehension of the Law Society of Hongkong over the proposal to have a qualified Cadet officer as Assistant Attorney General, on the ground that legal positions should not be held by those who have not been in active legal practice.

Sanitary Board Chairman.

Dealing with the question of the Chairman of the Sanitary Board being a Cadet, Mr. Shenton said his personal view was that this position should be occupied by a person possessing technical knowledge.

"I fail to believe," he said, "that a specialist possessing ordinary intelligence cannot adapt himself to the susceptibilities of the Chinese. When all is said and done times are changing rapidly, Chinese are demanding in their ordinary daily life conditions of living in conformity with modern ideas of sanitation, Nanking is demanding the assistance of the world's experts in her public health work, and I refuse to believe that the Chinese of this Colony do not wish for similar facilities."

Missing Chatter Pictures.

Referring to the Chatter collection of pictures, Mr. Shenton said in 1927 a most emphatic undertaking was given by the Colonial Secretary for their safe custody and preservation, and he sincerely hoped that every effort was being made to get back any missing pictures from those who have purloined them.

Mr. Shenton went on to refer to various items in the Estimates, and, in dealing with the University, suggested that the good work it is doing has not yet been sufficiently recognised at Home. He would also have liked to see more than the sum of \$50,000 provided for the Kowloon British School, an institution which carries on under great difficulties and caters for a section of the community which has a just claim on public funds.

EDUCATION SYSTEM.

Committee of Inquiry Suggested.

"The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, speaking for the Chinese community, urged that posts in the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff be thrown open to local men of proved ability and discretion. More, he said later, would have to be done for education, though it was a pleasure to find the Government increasing its grants in various directions."

It appeared to him that the time has come when the educational system as a whole should be thoroughly overhauled, and urged the appointment of a committee of enquiry, composed of men with (Continued on Page 5.)

NOTED AUSTRIAN DRAMATIST.

PASSING OF DR. A. SCHNITZLER.

NOVELIST, ALSO.

Vienna, Oct. 21. Dr. Arthur Schnitzler, the noted Austrian dramatist, died at his home this afternoon from heart failure. He had been ill for several days.

Arthur Schnitzler, the Australian author and dramatist was born in May, 1862, in Vienna, where his father was a medical professor. He himself became a doctor in 1885, practised at various hospitals and went to London and Paris to study public health measures, afterwards acting as assistant to his father at the Vienna General Hospital.

In 1893 he became an army doctor, but on the publication of his military story "Lieut. Gustl" he had to resign and devoted himself exclusively to literature. The intellectual atmosphere of his father's house where he met all sorts of people—savants, business magnates, lawyers, artists, bankers and above all the actors of the famous Burgtheatre—influenced his literary work even more than did his medical training.

Piquant Style.

"Anatol" a brilliant series of dramatic dialogues was the first of his works to attract attention. It is marked by graceful diction and well observed characters. The scenes of his very numerous plays and stories are almost all laid in the Vienna of his youth, a world much freer from care than the city of to-day, prosperous and little concerned with social problems. His style was piquant and he had the light touch typical of Austrian authors. His first performed play was "Das Marchen" (1892) and it was followed by "Liebelele," his most frequently given piece, which had a great success. Then came "Freiwild" and "Reigen," ten scenes with the same erotic motive, which was the subject of much controversy and was not staged till 1920 when it was given against Schnitzler's will and amid strong protests from some quarters.

Many of his plays were one-act pieces such as "Paracelsus," "Die Gafahrtin," "Der Grune Kakadu," "Lebendige Stunden," "Marionetten" and "Komodie der Worte." The longer plays include "Der Einsame Weg," "Der Schleier der Laster," the comedy "Zwischenstunde," "Der Junge Medardus," a drama dealing with the occupation of Vienna by Napoleon I. "Das Weiße Land," a tragic-comedy "Prof. Bernhardt," a play of the medical profession which provoked much discussion, "Komodie der Verführung" (1925) and the dramatic poem "Der Gang zum Weiher." Schnitzler was most at home in his modern dramas.

His numerous novels and short stories were almost as successful as his plays. "Der Weg ins Freie," a picture of Viennese life at the end of last century, is his greatest narrative work and in fact his only long story. His latest tales were "Frau im Elend" (1924), "Die Frau des Richters" (1925) and "Traumnovelle" (1926).—*Reuter and I.R.S.*

THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

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Chinese Displeased.

Chinese quarters are very much concerned at the possibility that the Committee will recommend the Council to adjourn further, without having accomplished anything more than the virtual repetition of the September decision. Then it was urged upon Japan that her troops be withdrawn by October 14. And of course, her troops were not withdrawn and no effort was made to negotiate with China.

Later, despite the decisions taken to-night by the Committee of Five—which have caused so much adverse comment—it appears that everything to a certain extent will be subordinated to the Japanese Reply which has not yet been received. The tone of the Reply will directly influence the wording of the resolution to be submitted to the Council.

The impression in French circles late to-night was more favourable than it was earlier on. The Japanese Reply which M. Briand confidently hopes will be satisfactory is expected by to-morrow morning at latest.

The Committee of Five will sit again to consider the Reply (if received) at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow morning before submitting a resolution to the public meeting of the Council.—*Reuter.*

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7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notices, etc.). 6.53-7.29 p.m. Operatic. Band-Marianna-Selection (Wallace arr. Billeco).

Bert Ralton and His Havana Band. 9.11. Song-The Marriage of Figaro-You Who Have Knowledge (Mozart). Bella Baillio (Soprano). 9.373.

Octet-Marianna-Scenes That Are Brightest (Wallace arr. Scar). Octet-The Bohemian Girl-Then You'll Remember Me (Balle arr. Scar). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9.107.

Song-L'Africana-O Paradise (Meyerbeer). Heddie Nash (Tenor). 9.104. Violoncello Solo-Die Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner-Squire).

W. H. Squire. 6.0248-D. 7.29-8.00 p.m. Pianoforte Solos. Waldersrauschen (Liszt). Leff Pouishnoff. 2.053-D.

La Campanella (Liszt). Mischa Levitzky. 2.039-M. Prelude in B Flat (Rachmaninoff). Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff).

Leff Pouishnoff. 9.368. (a) The Maiden with Flaxen Hair (b) Minstrels (Debussy) Poissons D'or (The Gold Fish) (Debussy).

Myra Heas. 7.151-M. 8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report. 8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news. 10.33 p.m. Close down.

THE GOLD STANDARD V. BI-METALLISM.

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effects of the present constant appreciation in the value of gold, put wages on to a more economic basis.

The remedies for the present economic difficulties now before the public are (a) Public economy, (b) Extra taxation, and (c) Tariffs.

(a) Is essential at the moment for the maintenance of the Country's Credit, but it will necessarily lead to additional unemployment.

(b) Must also lead to additional unemployment.

(c) Though essential to the extent that it will help to restore the balance of trade and to provide additional employment for the workers of this country, will only partially overcome the unemployment problem, inasmuch as it will have the effect of decreasing, and not of increasing, our export trade, by reducing the purchasing power of other countries.

In short, the only remedy for a complete restoration of the whole world's prosperity appears to be a speedy adoption of Bi-Metallism.

personal effects belonging to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and his family have arrived at Tongku from Dairen.

The articles are alleged to have been sent without the authorisation of the Young Marshal and it is suggested that the Japanese may have ordered their despatch to indicate their desire that he should remain away from Manchuria.

Officials here declare that Chang Hsueh-liang intends to return to Mukden as soon as the status quo has been restored, despite the alleged feeling against his return.—*Reuter.*

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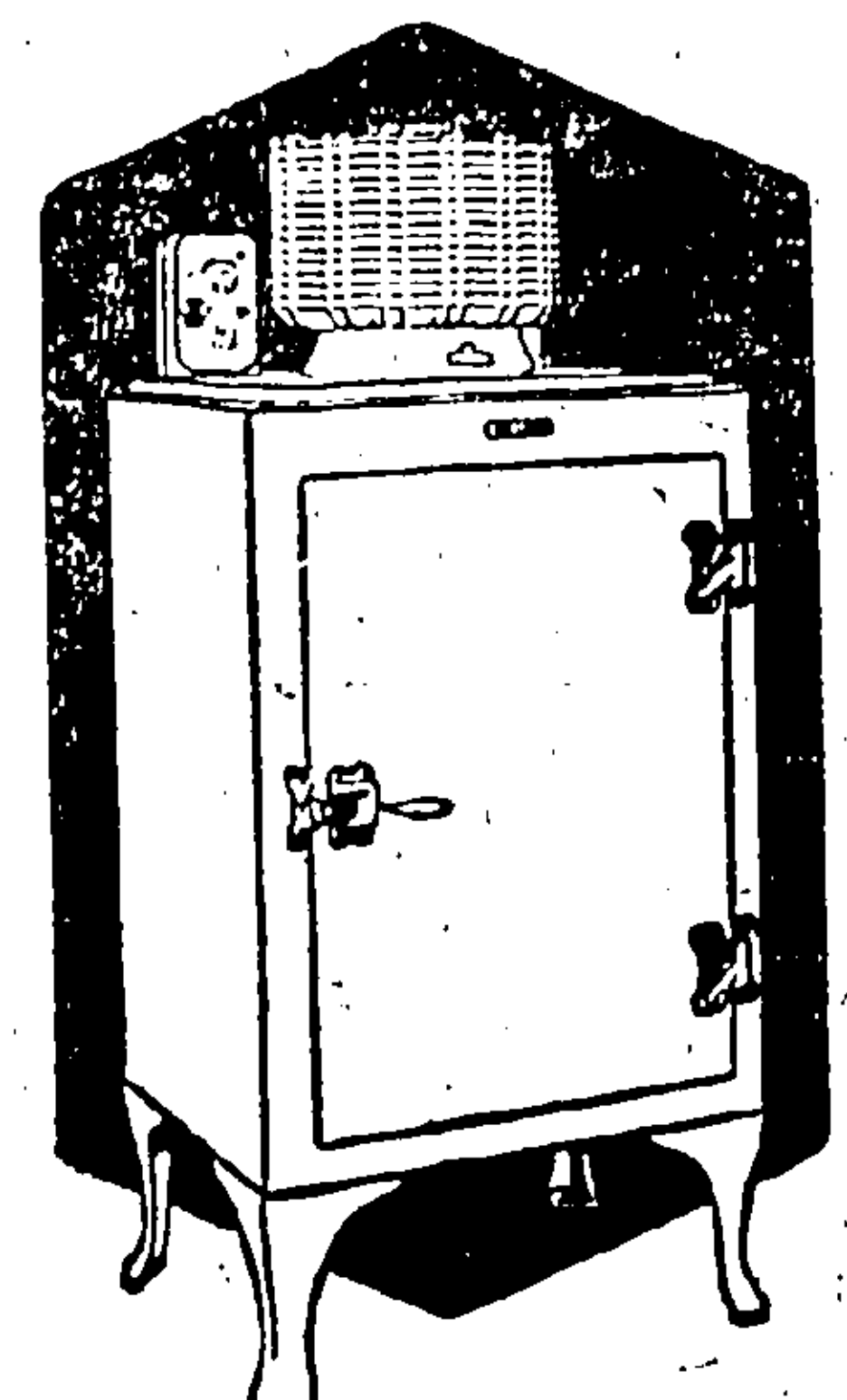
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LOCAL HOCKEY.

RESULTS OF GAMES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

Playing at Sookunpo, the R.A.S.C. defeated the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club by two goals to one, yesterday afternoon.

The game was keenly contested, the military side obtaining their two goals through 1/Cpls. Fry and Spain in the first half, while the ladies scored through Mrs. P. Harrop in the second half.

The R.A.S.C. forwards did most of the attacking in the first half, and it was only the alertness of Miss Ritchie in goal that prevented them from adding to their tally. The ladies pressed at the beginning of the second half when they got their only goal, but thereafter the honours were even.

Recreio Ladies Draw.

On the University ground yesterday afternoon, the home team drew with the Recreio Ladies, each side getting three goals. The University played only ten men, but this does not detract from the showing the ladies put up.

In the first half the men did all the attacking and scored two goals to their opponents' one; but in the second session the ladies turned the tables and added two more goals to their tally, while the University got only one. The game was a thrilling one and productive of some good hockey.

Club Defeat Argyls.

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon, a decisive victory was gained by the Hongkong Hockey Club, by three goals to nil, against the Argyls.

The soldiers held the civilian team during the first half, which was not productive of any goals, but they fell off in the second period and allowed their opponents to pierce their defence three times.

Club "A" Team for To-morrow.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team against the R.S.F.P.A. on the latter's ground at King's Park, tomorrow, at 6.15 p.m.: E. S. Moses, G. F. Ross, H. R. Petre, H. Owen Davies, E. G. Dale, F. W. Allen, W. Reinecke, W. H. Smith, S. Hill, R. H. D. Wade and R. W. Sapsed.

LOCAL SOCCER.

The following team has been selected to represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Football Club on Saturday, against Kowloon on the Club Ground, Happy Valley at 4.30 p.m.: Rogers; Pike and Strang; M. Ballton, Skinner and Baldwin; Bell, Pate-Hunt, Howe, E. Strang and Jackson. Reserve: A. Macfarlane.



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Over-swinging may be caused by a grip that is too loose. When the club hits the golfer on the back of the neck in the backswing, the grip is loose. Therefore, the grip of the left hand should be tightened.

You sacrifice distance to obtain accuracy with a shortened back-swing in iron play. So it should be with the woods. Accuracy is more easily obtained if one shortens the backswing and avoids over-swinging.—ART KIENZ.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$11 0 b.	
Chartered Bank, \$11 0 n.	
Mercantile A. and B., \$18.	
East Asia, \$134 a.	
Insurances.	
Canton Ins., \$1,500 s.	
Union Ins., \$145 b.	
China Underwriters, \$160 sa.	
China Fire, \$650 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 s.	
Shipping.	
Douglas, \$24 n.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$253 a.	
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$35 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.	
Mining.	
Benquet, \$12 s.	
Kailash, 30/- n.	
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2 n.	
Ranals, \$36 1/2 b.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$155 b.	
Whampoa Docks, \$30 n.	
South China Motors \$10 n.	
China Providents, \$5.35 sa.	
Hongkews, Tls. 258 n.	
New Engineers, Tls. 6.20 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo cottons Tls. 16.35 b.	
Shai Cottons Tls. 94 1/2 n.	
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 1/2 b.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H.K. & Hotels (old) \$14.75 b.	
H.K. & S. Hotels (new) \$14.25 b.	
H.K. Lands, \$83 b.	
Shai Land, Tls. 37 n.	
Humphreys, \$18 1/2 b.	
Realties, \$15 a.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$21 1/2 b.	
Peak Trams (old) \$14.50 n.	
Star Ferries, \$92 n.	
China Lights, \$27 1/2 b.	
H.K. Electrics, \$77 b.	
Macao Electrics, \$23 n.	
Telephones, \$43 n.	
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.	
Singapore Traction, 4/- n.	
Industrials.	
China Sugars 50 cts. n.	
Malabons \$39 n.	
Canton Ice, \$7.70 n.	
Coments (com.) \$19 b.	
Ropes, \$17 1/2 n.	
Stores, etc.	
Dairy Farms, \$29 b.	
Watson, \$15 1/2 b.	
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.	
Lane Crawfords, \$6 n.	
Mackintosh, \$19 n.	
Sinceres, \$14 1/2 s.	
Powells, \$3.60 n.	
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$22 1/2 n.	
Constructions, \$5 n. old.	
B' que in C. Bonds, 67 1/2 n.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....100	100 1/2
Geneva.....20 1/2	20 1/2
Berlin.....17 1/2	17 1/2
Oak.....17 1/2	17 1/2
Helsingfors.....192 1/2	192 1/2
Athens.....310	320
Buenos Aires.....33	32 1/2
Shanghai.....17 1/2	17 1/2
New York.....3.94	3.93
Amsterdam.....6 1/2	16 1/2
Stockholm.....16 1/2	16 1/2
Vienna.....30	30
Madrid.....44 1/2	44 1/2
Bucharest.....650	660
Montevideo.....20	21
Hongkong.....1/3	1/2 1/2
Brussels.....28	28 1/2
Milan.....70 1/2	70
Copenhagen.....17 1/2	17 1/2
Prague.....132	133
Lisbon.....109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio.....3 1/2	3 1/2
Bombay.....1/5.53/64	1/5.27/32
Yokohama.....2/5 1/2	2/5 1/2
Montreal.....4.45	4.40
Silver (spot).....17 1/2	16 1/2
.. (forward) 17 1/2	17

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KOWLOON RUGBY.

TEAM AGAINST MEDWAY SECOND FIFTEEN.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon in a rugby game against H.M.S. Medway second fifteen on Saturday:

Skinner; Muller, Whitley, James, Jenner; Morris; Crozier (Captain); Cogan, Wicheil, Riddell; Bonham, McNider; Hardy, Purvis, A. N. Other. Reserves: Gurevitch, Tomlin, Dormer. The kick-off is at 4.45 p.m.

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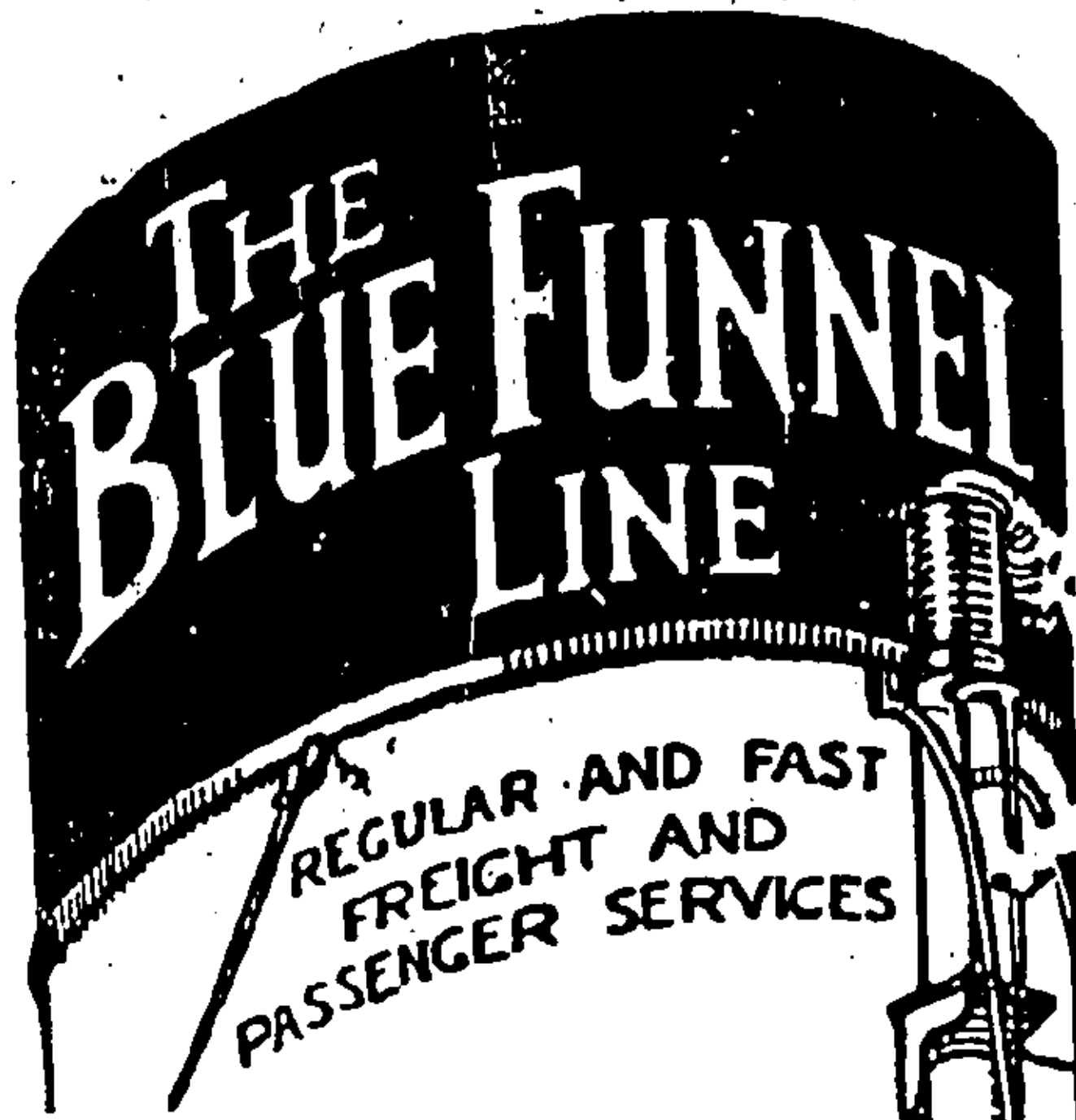
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POLO TOURNAY.

FINAL OF THE K.O.Y.L.I. CUP CONTEST.

In the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup, played yesterday, one of the most interesting and exciting games ever seen in Hongkong was witnessed by a large crowd. The match was between the Argylls and the Civilian team, who won after extra time.

Which was the better side it would be difficult to say. At one time one team was leading and at another the other.

In the first chukker Stanton was the first to get away but failed to score, this was followed up by the Argylls getting away but they too failed to score. After some midfield play Newbigging scored the first goal for the Civilians. From a free hit Newbigging scored the 2nd goal. At the end of the first chukker the Civilians led 2-0.

At the beginning of the 2nd chukker, Church hit a good ball which was heading for the goal but Gordon got there just in time and saved a certain goal. The first point for the Argylls was scored by Stewart from a difficult angle. This was followed quickly by another goal for the Argylls scored by Church. Newbigging scored the 3rd goal for his side after a good run down the field. At half time the score was 3-2 in favour of the Civilians.

In the 3rd chukker Bramwell scored another goal for his side followed up closely by Edie who scored another for the Civilians. The next goal was scored by a good pass by Stewart to Bramwell who put it through the goal. At the end of the 3rd chukker the score was 5-4, in favour of the Civilians.

The 4th and last chukker proved to be the most exciting of the whole match. Stewart scored the fifth goal for the Argylls, bringing the scores level. Both sides were playing excellent polo and for the rest of the chukker exciting up and down play was witnessed both sides nearly scoring several times. At the end of the 4th chukker the scores were level and extra time had to be played.

On play being resumed Stanton scored the winning goal for the Civilians. Thus ended a most exciting match.

For the winners Newbigging was the outstanding player and for the losers it would be difficult to say who was the best, as they all played well.

Prizes Presented.

At the conclusion of the tournament, H. E. Major-General Sandilands, Chairman of the Polo Club, congratulated the winners on their performance and said he was sure that it was one of the most exciting tournaments that he had ever witnessed in Hongkong. He paid tribute to the South Wales Borderers, and hoped that their defeat would not put them off polo as it is a game which cannot be learnt in a day, and he hoped next year that they would have better luck.

He then asked Mrs. Saville to present the prizes at the conclusion of which she was given three hearty cheers.

Amongst those present were, H. E. the Governor, H. E. Major-General Sandilands, Col. and Mrs. Saville, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Robin Gordon, Mrs. Newbigging, Mrs. Turner, Col. Cousins and Miss Cousins, Capt. and Mrs. Agnew-Wallace and Capt. and Mrs. Grant.

The umpires were Col. Saville and Major Roche-Kelly, and the referee and time-keeper was Lt. J. B. Glegg.

FOOTBALL.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

The following players are to represent the Radio Sports Club in their match with St. Joseph's College on Saturday, at 3 p.m.—St. Joseph's: W. Aycock (V. Capt.), A. Winch, Au Nam-moon, H. Bux, G. Pearson, M. Hamib, Chan Chun-ip, F. J. Elma (Capt.), G. Singh and J. Taveres. Res.: W. Kew and M. Sheriff.

TSANG FOO VILLA MURDERS.

LAD OF TEN GIVES HIS EVIDENCE.

A graphic description of how he escaped with his life was given by the boy of ten, Kikuo Yamashita, at yesterday's hearing of the case in which twelve Chinese were charged with the murder of six Japanese at Tsang Foo Villas during the riots on September 25. Kumakichi Ikuta, recalled, said that regarding the incident of the Chinese who demanded to see Mr. Yamashita, he now recollected that he (the Chinese) did not walk directly into the house. Witness, the other carpenter, and Miss Yoshii were strolling in the garden when the Chinese walked in, carrying a parcel wrapped in a white handkerchief. The Chinese went into the house and witness followed.

Yaturo Ikubo, the other carpenter, said he had been in Hongkong for 15 years. On September 26, he went with Kumakichi Ikuta to visit their friend Yamashita in Tsang Foo Villas. He recollected Ikuta's evidence of what took place from Foo Villas to the time when the shouting started outside the house.

Witness went on to say that at about 8.30 p.m., stones, flower pots and other things were thrown at the door of the house, and he heard noises outside which sounded like "war cries." He did not look out of the window and therefore did not know how many people were outside. They were hanging in the house then barricaded it from the inside. All the windows had by this time been smashed. Witness helped to pile up boxes and other things against the door.

The Iron Door.

At about 9 p.m., the family had already gone up to the first floor. Witness and Yamashita went up at about this time, but they did not know what had happened to Ikuta, who was nowhere to be seen. They stayed on the first floor for only about five minutes after which they proceeded to the roof. They closed the iron door of the roof after them.

Mr. Whyte-Smith observed that it was unfortunate the iron door could not be locked from the outside, otherwise it would have been insurmountable.

Witness and Miss Yoshii climbed over a bridge which led to the adjoining house, with the idea of getting assistance. When they got to the ground floor of the next house, they found the door locked. Besides, there was a crowd of people outside, and witness dared not go out. He remained hidden in the house with Miss Yoshii for a long time. He thought they had been there for about an hour, or perhaps a little bit longer. The shouting was going on but suddenly stopped. About 20 minutes later, witness and Miss Yoshii were released by Mr. Fraser himself and a Chinese officer. Witness, however, could not remember Mr. Fraser as the man who liberated him.

Mr. Whyte-Smith—You ought to go into the box yourself, your Worship.

Witness could only remember that he was released by a Policeman and taken back to the roof of Tsang Foo Villas by the way he came.

Youngster's Resource.

Regarding the boy of 10, Kikuo Yamashita, Mr. Whyte-Smith said he did not propose to question him from the start. He proposed to start his evidence from the time the shouting began.

The lad said he remembered going up to the first floor and later going up to the roof. He did not know anything about a Chinese seeing his father. He said he went up to the roof because some Chinese broke open the door. He saw his father going up to the roof too, and carrying a Japanese sword. Witness hid himself in a tank, having to crouch down on all fours "so that nobody could find him." He was there for about half an hour, and then a Chinese found him. One man held him up by the back of his shirt and another hit him across the head with a baseball bat. He then knew no more, and fell back into the tank. Before he lost consciousness, he heard the amah weeping loudly and some Chinese shouting.

There were two baseball bats in the house and they were usually kept on the ground floor.

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The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

OPEN LAWN BOWLS.

TWO MORE GAMES PLAYED OFF YESTERDAY.

Two Talcoo B.C. players qualified for the semi-final of the Open Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday when they each accounted for their opponents in the third round, J. Laling winning from F. Cullen and N. Drummond from D. Rumjahn.

Hongkong's only successful inter-port skip of the recent series played yesterday on the Police green but lost by 21 shots to eight. Essentially a skip Cullen proved no match for Laling as a singles player although neither was playing at top form. The Kowloon Dock man scored on eight of the 20 ends played but registered only singles. The winner will meet J. C. West.

N. Drummond Qualifies at Expense of Rumjahn.

D. Rumjahn was defeated by N. Drummond yesterday in an Open Lawn Bowls Championship match, by 21 shots to 15, the game being played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. After somewhat desultory play, Rumjahn drew ahead in the 7th end, and with a steady compilation of shots in the next four ends looked as if he was out to win the game. The turning point came when, after attaining 16 shots, he was unable to make further progress and was left at a standstill while Drummond made a brilliant recovery. On the 18th end Drummond scored four shots to win.

Drummond now meets the winner of the match between U. M. Omar and R. Lapsley which is being played this afternoon on the Kowloon C.C. green.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS.

MEDICALS WIN THE INTER- FACULTY FINAL.

The Medicals won the Inter-Faculty tennis final at the Hongkong University, beating the Engineers by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores:

L. A. de Silva and L. A. Oppenheim (Engineers) beat Prof. Tottenham and H. N. Lee 7-5, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.

Prof. Redmond and P. L. Tan (Engineers) lost to Prof. Tottenham and H. N. Lee 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

K. M. Lo and H. M. Lee (Engineers) lost to Prof. Tottenham and H. N. Lee 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

3-6, lost to T. K. Lien and F. Y. Khoo 6-0.

Inter-Hostel Final.

In the final of the Inter-Hostel tennis, played on Monday, Elliot Hall beat St. John's Hall by 6 sets to 3.

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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN GLADSTONE CASE.

Hearing of the proceedings which Mrs. A. F. Gladstone is bringing against her husband for maintenance and legal custody of their two children, was resumed before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Cross-examined by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, Mr. Gladstone said that after leaving the employ of Messrs. Calbeck, MacGregor and Co., Ltd. of Shanghai, he became an insurance agent, then came to Hongkong where he got employment with the Kowloon Godown Company. This post he later left to fill a position at the Hongkong University. He was now employed at the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. Brooks: In six years you held six different positions. It would be fair to describe you as somewhat of a rolling stone, Mr. Gladstone?

Mr. Gladstone agreed, but qualified this by stating that he had held the Calbeck MacGregor position for 10 years before being discharged on account of reasons of economy.

Mr. Brooks took witness over three incidents in Hongkong regarding one of which he had admitted having fought a man who was paying attentions to his wife, resulting in an appearance before the Kowloon Magistrate's clerk; Mr. Brooks asked Mr. Gladstone if he considered that a good record for a man in his position.

Witness pointed out that he was not charged in respect of the incident which led to the appearance before the Kowloon Magistrate's clerk, mainly because Mrs. Gladstone would not proceed with it. Two other incidents referred to merely entailed a nominal breach of the peace.

A Visit to the Flat.

Mr. Brooks asked if it was not true that on March 12, Mr. Gladstone went to his wife's flat at King's Terrace and attempted to take her away, to Savarin House where Mr. Gladstone was staying.

Mr. Gladstone: That is not quite correct. I undoubtedly went to my wife's I wished to consult her with regard to the amulet which was looking after the children.

Mr. Brooks asked questions regarding the late hour at which Mr. Gladstone proceeded on the matter. Mr. Gladstone explained that what he intended doing then was not to "carry" her to his boarding house but to "carry" her to her parents at the Peninsula Hotel. He denied by this having endeavoured to force her.

While waiting for her return to the flat, he saw her returning on the pillow seat of a man's bicycle. Mr. Gladstone continued, "I was rather incensed at that, I admit. I asked my wife what she intended doing in the matter. I admit frankly that I endeavoured to carry her away, thinking that she must look after the children."

Mr. Brooks: Actually she was living at the time in the flat with another woman and one of your children was also there at the time. Witness said he could not vouch for that, and expressed a wish to refer to a diary which he kept of these doings from day to day.

Advertising to another "incident," Mr. Brooks asked: On that occasion you smashed the panel of the front door of my client's flat, and when my client blew a Police whistle you ran away and got into a taxi?

Witness denied that such an incident occurred, and again expressed

a wish to refer to his diary. Mr. B. D. Evans, Mr. Gladstone's solicitor, interposing, said that it was purely his own fault that the diary had not been brought into Court.

Letter's "Strong Terms." Answering further questions, Gladstone denied having "worried" his wife while she was in hospital. Neither did he tell her, while she was in an ailing or critical condition, that the best thing she could do was to die.

In support of the question, Mr. Brooks read a letter written by Mr. Gladstone to his wife in very strong terms, suggesting that she look her life as being the "only decent thing to do."

Mr. Brooks: Did you write that letter?

Mr. Gladstone: I did.

Mr. Brooks: That is a letter written by a man to his wife—a man who now suggests that she should come back to live with him. No man would write a letter of that sort.

Regarding a letter written by a Mr. Willoughby to Mrs. Gladstone in which he addressed her as "Bunny," Mr. Brooks enquired how Mr. Gladstone managed to come into its possession, suggesting that Mr. Gladstone had searched his wife's flat during her illness in hospital and "stolen" it together with other letters.

Mr. Gladstone said he got the letter from his wife's office. When he did so, she was fully alive as to his intentions.

Mr. Brooks: Without her permission?—Yes.

Is that not equivalent to stealing?—Yes.

I put it to you, that is not the act of a decent man?—I cannot take a love letter written by another man to my wife?

Referring to Mr. Gladstone's conduct generally, Mr. Brooks asked if his acts were not "the acts of a man wanting in mental balance?"

Dances in Shanghai. Continuing his cross-examination, Mr. Brooks referred to the evidence of the witness as "some of these dramatic incidents" and "more of your extraordinary stories."

Referring to the wife's attendance at dances organised by the Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai Mr. Brooks asked: Surely a dance conducted by the Y.M.C.A. is a fairly straight forward affair?

Witness: It should be.

Without asking witness to say anything libellous of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Brooks put it to witness that the invitations to the dances were all sent by a Reverend gentleman of Shanghai.

Witness: Perfectly correct.

Mr. Brooks: And you suggest they are improper affairs?—No.

What did you mean when you said "should be?"—Because I saw two marines there drunk and I did not think the atmosphere was good enough for my wife.

Continuing his witness said that after the dances the marines went to his house and sometimes telephoned his residence.

Mr. Brooks suggested that the marines went to the house because one of them was engaged to one of the complainant's sisters.

Witness: No; I think that a most unfair question, pardon my saying so. She was not engaged to him.

Mr. Brooks remarked that it was not unnatural for a marine to go to a house if there were a young girl there and suggested that there was nothing wrong in that.

Witness: Not the slightest so long as the young lady was not my wife.

Husband's Objections. After further questions Mr. Brooks put it to witness that his

DEBATE ON MARRIAGE.

DISCUSSION AT SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

The main argument centred in money questions and in freedom, when a debate was held last night at the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. The subject was, "That in the modern world, the penalties of marriage are more grievous than those of celibacy." The motion was defeated by 14 votes to 4.

Mr. W. H. Smith presided, and the debate was opened by Mr. W. Sprague, who was supported by Mr. D. S. de Prevoist.

The leading opposers to the motion were Mr. Colin Carruthers and Mr. G. Sims. Arguments were put forward that a man had more freedom and more money when he was single, and that therefore he suffered less penalties than his nuptially-tied fellow-men.

The motion which was subsequently thrown open to general discussion, evoked a lively debate, many of the forty or so who were present recording their convictions either in favour of, or against, the proposition.

objection to his wife going to the Y.M.C.A. dances was unreasonable. Witness: Not at all in view of subsequent events.

Referring to the time when the complainant went to live at a boarding house where she had formerly lived, Mr. Brooks put it to witness that she had gone there because she had had a row with the defendant and had said that she could not stand him any longer.

Witness: We had a row because I found a marine there.

Mr. Brooks: We'll come to the marine later.

Following further questions Mr. Brooks said: Now let's come to the marines. Your evidence that you found her in a kimono with this man "Red Brown at 10.30 p.m. I put it to you, is sheer nonsense. That's a product of your own imagination?—If I may do so I will produce a witness.

Witness denied that Willoughby had suggested that the defendant grant his wife a divorce because he could not provide a house for her. He also denied that his evidence of his wife arriving home at 3 a.m. when he was attending to his sick child was sheer and absolute nonsense.

The hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

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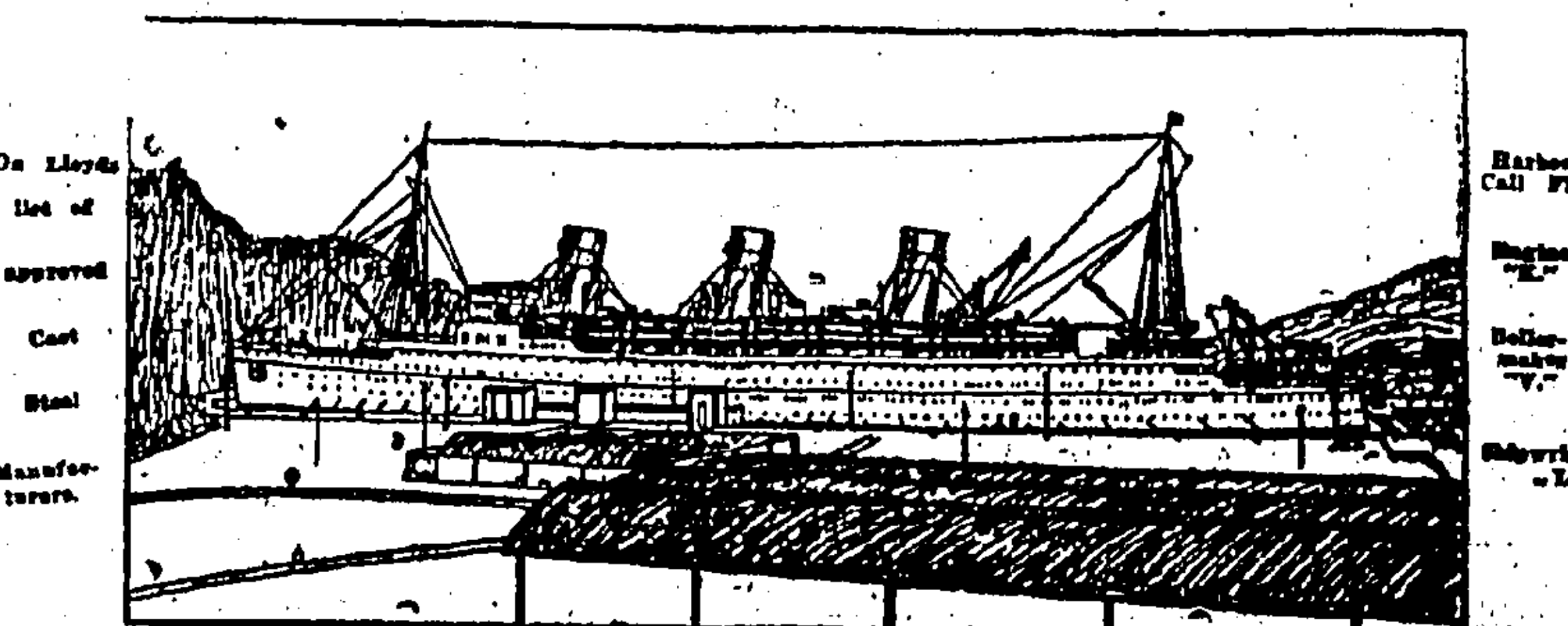
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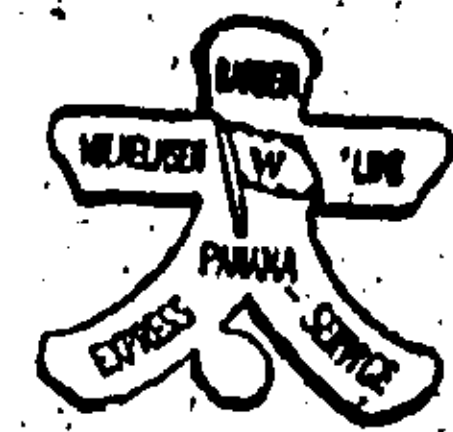
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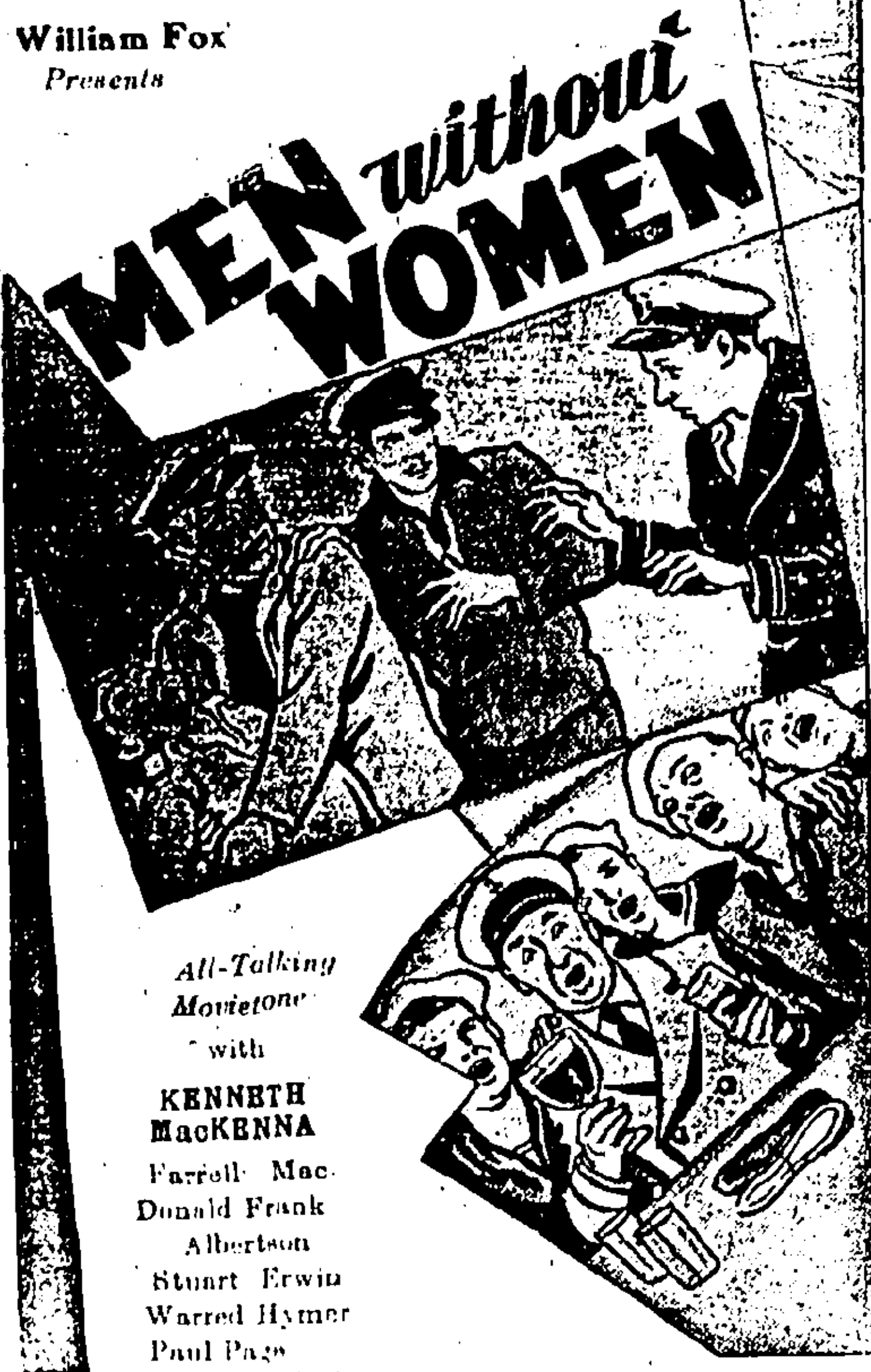
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"Lo held the taller man and I the shorter. They struggled but we managed to keep hold of our men until the Police came."

"We found the missing ring on the rug near the doorway. The stone had been detached."

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DOLLAR OUTLOOK.

DOWNWARD TREND OF SILVER.

The Hongkong dollar showed a further decline of a farthing this morning, the official rate being 1s. 2½d. This was in sympathy with lower silver levels both in London and New York, where the drop was one-quarter in each instance.

The London market is very quiet on China selling, while America is showing very little interest.

In Shanghai, where the rate is 1s. 7½d., the market continues dull.

ROUND TABLE'S PROGRESS.

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LORD SANKEY'S TASK.

London, Oct. 21. Good progress is being made in committee with the work of the Indian Round Table Conference and a further advance will probably be marked to-morrow when a statement on Federal Finance will be made by Lord Peel in the Federal Structure Committee.

The discussion on the Indian Federal Court is meanwhile continuing and speeches on the various aspects of its proposed functions and composition were again made to-day.

On the conclusion of the general discussion next week, Lord Sankey, the Chairman of the Committee, will present a report on the committee's work regarding the Legislatures, Federal Finance and the Federal Court, and this report, after further examination by the committee, will form the basis of the final report to the Plenary Session of the Conference.

Other subjects, which have no direct relation to the minorities' questions, are awaiting consideration by the committee during the interval while the Sankey report is being prepared.—British Wireless.

SOLOMAN ISLANDS QUAKE.

FIFTY LIVES LOST IN DISASTER.

London, Oct. 21. The Colonial Office announces that a severe earthquake occurred in British Solomon Islands on October 4th, with loss of life estimated at fifty.

The Colonial Secretary has sent a message of sympathy.—British Wireless.

STILL WINNING. SPRINGBOKS DEFEAT MIDLANDS.

London, Oct. 21. The South African rugby side to-day defeated the Midland Counties by thirteen points to three at Birmingham.—Reuter.

Locally, the outlook is somewhat uncertain with an inclination towards an easy undertone. Business has been done at 1s. 2½d. and 1s. 2½d.

All the cross-rates again show an improvement in favour of London.

Japanese Five Per Cent. Sterling Loan in London has risen from 73½ to 76½, and the Six Per Cent. Loan from 86½ to 90. Chinese 4½ Per Cent. Bonds have advanced from 73½ to 76½.

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SHANGHAI PEACE
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OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

Shanghai, Oct. 22. Good progress is being made by leaders representing the various sections of the Kuomintang for the formation of the new National Government at Nanking representative of "all the talents."

In this connexion, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Kuomintang Leftist leader, who is heading the Canton peace mission of five members to Shanghai, conferred yesterday morning for two hours with Mr. Hu Han-min, the leader of the Nanking Conservatives. The entire peace mission proceeded to the residence of Mr. Hu Han-min immediately upon their arrival and it was while there that Mr. Wang Ching-wei held a lengthy conversation alone with Mr. Hu Han-min.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the peace delegates will leave for Nanking immediately after a meeting with General Chiang Kai-shek. There will possibly be no preliminary conference, as the Shanghai meetings will be merely an exchange of unofficial views.

Interviewed at the wharf upon the President Madison's arrival, Mr. Wang Ching-wei said that his mission centred on a strong desire for the completion of constitutional reform. The policy of the new National Government should be freedom and equality of China in the family of nations, and preservation of her territorial sovereignty.

Martial law was imposed on the day of the leaders' arrival as the Garrison Commander had been informed of plans by Communists to create disturbances.—Reuter.

FLIGHT ACROSS AFRICA.

HAZARDOUS CRUISE IN PROGRESS.

London, Oct. 21. Four British day-bombers, which left Cairo last week on a 21,000-mile service cruise across Equatorial Africa, left Geneva this morning for Fort Lamy.

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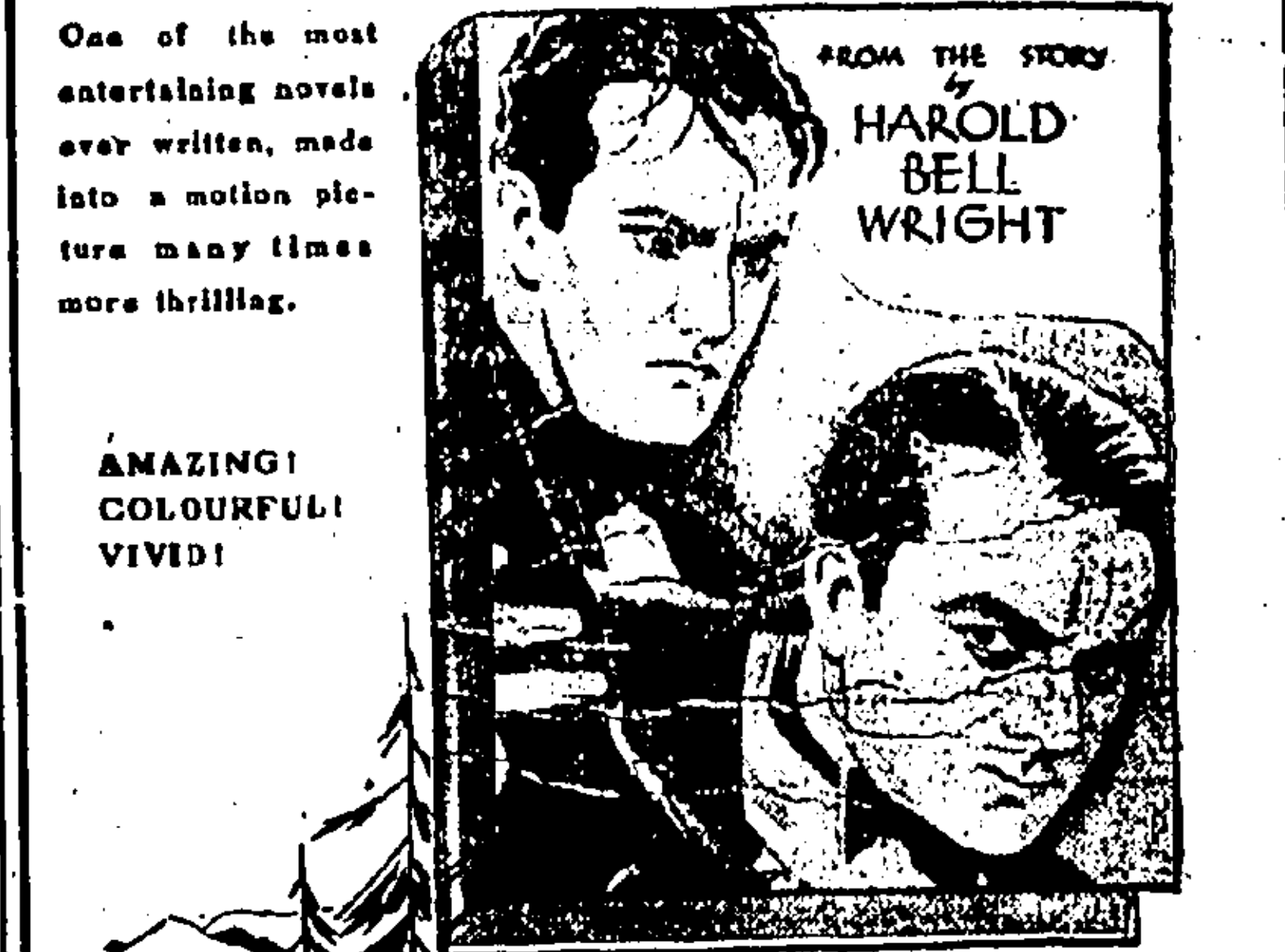
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